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Council steps in after bus firm nipped in bud by MD

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SOMERSET County Council has stepped in to organise alternative transport for more than 300 children after a local bus company ceased to operate, causing more than two dozen job losses.

The council was given no prior notice of a decision by Nippybus to cease operating with immediate effect.

Nippybus, based in Martock near Yeovil, ran several school and public bus contracts as well as a number of demand responsive transport services and private services.

An internal message, sent to employees, said the company had ceased operational activity with immediate effect from October 29. In the message, which contained an expletive, managing director Sydney Hardy revealed that he was quitting to pursue his "dream of not having to work here".

Mr Hardy added: "There comes a time in any relationship where you just have to say goodbye and move on. This is my time."

"There is a difference between giving up and knowing when you have had enough. I have had enough and realise I cannot work with you, the people I employ, a moment longer."

The decision has put 27 drivers – full-time and part-time – out of work.

More than 300 pupils were affected across four schools – including Stanchester Academy at Stoke sub Hamdon near Yeovil.

With the support of other operators, council officers managed to find replacement services for all of the routes, and are now looking to secure permanent replacement services as soon as possible.

Text messages were sent to parents to advise them of delays and alternative arrangements.

Nippybus had previously withdrawn its N10 service – that covered Ilton, Ashill, Hatch Beauchamp and Taunton – earlier in October.

A number of public bus services were also affected. Council officers have been working with bus operators to find replacements.

County tickets will continue to be valid on all replacement services.

The story has made national headlines, with the *Jeremy Vine* show on BBC Radio 2 highlighting it last Wednesday.



We will remember them

■ **FORCES** veteran John Gudge was out with his collection bucket as the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal 2017 was launched in Chard. A two-minute silence will be observed outside Chard Guildhall in Fore Street on Saturday (11am) as part of the town's Remembrance tributes. See page 5 for more about the launch of the Poppy Appeal in Chard
Picture by STEVE MONK

CREWKERNE NEWS THIS WEEK

CREWKERNE schoolboy Frank Agar is taking all the right steps to qualify for a gong in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The 14-year-old is being helped by members of Crewkerne Folk Dance Club and following in the footsteps of his parents, Jacqui and Richard, who were both keen folk dancers.

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YEOVIL NEWS THIS WEEK

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CHARD NEWS THIS WEEK

CHARD Rotary Club is highlighting historic progress towards a polio-free world by donating 5,000 purple crocus bulbs to Chard Town Council.

The presentation of the crocus bulbs took place at The Guildhall.

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ILMINSTER NEWS THIS WEEK

BEAVERS in Ilminster have joined the town's dementia-friendly community by becoming dementia friends after listening to a special presentation at their weekly meeting.

The social-action initiative, started by the Alzheimer's Society in 2013, offers free information sessions to everyone.

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Rail strike set for tomorrow and Thursday

RAIL users in *Pulman's Country* will be forced to use bus replacement services tomorrow (November 8th) and Thursday.

South Western Railway has said that it will run more than 60 per cent of its normal train services on the two days that the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) has instructed its members to strike – but there won't be any west of Yeovil.

The walkout is over the future role of guards, with the

union saying it has asked South Western Railway management to guarantee a safety critical guard on trains.

People travelling to and from stations west of Yeovil Junction – including Crewkerne, Axminster, Honiton and Feniton – will be provided with a bus replacement service.

There will be a reduced train service between Yeovil Junction and London Waterloo but no service at all between Yeovil Junction and Bristol across the two days.

Andy Mellors, South Western Railway MD, said: "We plan to run around two-thirds of our regular timetabled services which will deliver around 70 per cent of the seats we normally provide across the morning and evening peak hours in to London. However, we are sorry that many of our passengers will find trains much busier than normal and that, in some places, replacement bus services will run instead of trains on the strike date called by the RMT.

"This strike is unnecessary. We have repeatedly assured the RMT that we plan to keep two safety-trained employees on our trains. This is because we know that a second member of staff provides assurance to our passengers and ensures we have capable colleagues on board to deliver assistance or offer advice during journeys. "No one will lose their job. We have been very clear that

we are guaranteeing the jobs, salaries and terms and conditions of guards.

"In fact, as we expand our fleet, we will be hiring more drivers and guards to help deliver more and better services for passengers."

RMT General Secretary Mick Cash said in a message to members: "The union proposed to the company that they adopt the model agreed

on Abellio Scotrail. Which is: ● Guarantee a guard on every new electrified train; ● Guarantee that the conductor will retain their full competency (rules, track safety, evacuation)."

Further details on the timetable and rail replacement bus services for November 8th and 9th can be found at www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey/rmt-strike

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Kennels owner fined £4,000 over dog death

A KENNEL owner from Coombe Raleigh near Honiton, has been prosecuted by East Devon District Council and ordered to pay fines and costs of more than £4,000 after a dog staying at their kennels escaped from its pen and was killed by another dog.

Paul Sparks, the owner of Barn Close Kennels, pleaded guilty to five offences under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and the Animal Boarding Establishments Act and was sentenced by Exeter Magistrates on Monday, October 30th.

The court was told by Mr Gavin Collett, prosecuting on behalf of the council, that the council's Environmental Health Team was alerted to the incident by the owner of Archie, a small jack-a-huahua dog, last November.

The owner had left Archie at the kennels last October for two nights. When the owner return-

ed to collect Archie she was told by Mr Sparks, that Archie had escaped from his pen and had been killed by another dog.

Environmental Health officers made an unannounced visit to the kennels a few days after the complaint was made. Mr Sparks was not present but they were shown around by an employee who was in charge on that day and who had been in charge on the day of the incident.

The employee said Archie had escaped from his pen but she did not know how, and that he had then gone out of the kennel block, through an open door and into a nearby paddock through a hole in the fence. In the paddock was an unsupervised dog which killed Archie. Staff did not notice that Archie was missing for four hours.

Mr Collett told magistrates that the officers saw a gap under the kennel door, and a space above it and a very small or agile dog could have escaped either way.

They also noticed that the doors to the kennel block were half-height doors and the staff member said they were usually secured in the open position as staff were in and out all the time.

Fencing around the paddock was defective and was made up of a number of different types of mesh. Although most of the mesh was small, some repairs had been carried out with 'weld mesh' panels with a larger mesh size. There was also a hole under the fence near where Archie's body was found which could have been used by a small dog to access the paddock.

Mr Sparks had not informed the owner, a vet or the council about what had happened for several days.

Mr David Campbell, defending, said that the incident was tragic and unprecedented and as a result Mr Sparks had made a number of improvements at the kennels.

He said Mr Sparks made an error in not informing anyone and did not know the best thing to do. It was not a deliberate act of cruelty, said Mr Campbell, but Mr Sparks wanted to put it behind him and move forward. He added that his priority is to comply with the licence conditions in the future.

Exeter magistrates said they were concerned that Archie was able to get out of his kennel, through the corridor and into the paddock without being noticed.

They said it was "reprehensible" of Mr Sparks not to contact the owner, the vet or the council. They took into account the work that had been carried out at the kennels since the incident and his commitment to improving conditions.

They decided not to disqualify him from holding a licence but fined him a total of £1,050, victim support costs of £85 and ordered him to pay costs of £3,000.

After the hearing, Cllr Tom Wright, East Devon District Council's portfolio holder for the environment, said "The council takes its responsibilities for issuing licences and inspecting premises extremely seriously and officers work hard to ensure that standards are met by all the kennels within East Devon.

"Where concerns arise or incidents occur, they will carry out a robust investigation and will take enforcement action whenever it is justified.

In this case, the owner of the dog expected the kennels to meet those standards and it fell short, leading to the death of the dog.

"Council officers will inspect this kennels again soon to ensure that all the required works have been completed so that this kind of incident cannot happen again."

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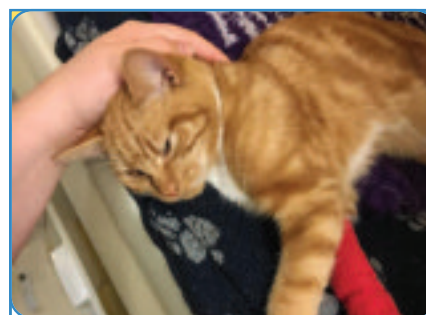
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Report says authorities missed signs of child sex abuse in Yeovil

TWO men were allowed to groom at least six girls in the Yeovil area between 2011 and 2014 after local authorities failed to spot warning signs of abuse.

Two of the girls – who believed they were in a loving relationship with the men, legitimising the sustained abuse – fell repeatedly pregnant and had a number of forced abortions and miscarriages, as well as being subjected to physical and emotional abuse.

Avon and Somerset Police said the girls, as young as 14 at the time, had been “cruelly robbed of a normal childhood”.

Somerset County Council is now highlighting improvements to the way Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is tackled following the publication of a review last week.

The review follows the conviction of two men from Yeovil in November 2016 for offences committed against six children aged 14 and 15 and a seventh victim aged 18.

Mehmet Citak, 34, was jailed for 20 years for two counts of rape and seven counts of sexual assault, while Ahmet Kurtyemez, 29, was sentenced to 12

years for one count of rape and six counts of sexual assault.

The two men ran a barber shop in Yeovil.

The Serious Case Review report has been published by the Somerset Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB).

The review found possible signs of abuse were missed by professionals, including an occasion when one girl had a pregnancy termination aged 15.

It also revealed one girl was visited by one of the men while she was an inpatient at a mental health hospital in Somerset, and got pregnant again.

The report said lessons must be learned after one of the girls was wrongly taken to court for alleged racial abuse against her abuser, while her abuser was not investigated until years later.

It found that between Avon and Somerset Police, the CCG, Yeovil District Hospital, Somerset Partnership Trust and Somerset County Council there were 14 missed opportunities to stop the abuse.

The council says it welcomes the report which has lessons for all agencies and hopes it will raise pub-

lic awareness of this form of child abuse.

CSE is a type of sexual abuse. It is when someone takes advantage of anyone under the age of 18 sexually, for their own or other people's benefit or enjoyment.

This frequently involves using threats, bribes, violence, humiliation, or emotional blackmail.

Since the time of the offences, the county council say considerable work has been undertaken to improve the way that all organisations work to identify and respond to incidents of CSE.

Within the county council this has been part of the wider improvements within Children's Social Care which have included a 20 per cent increase in social work workforce leading to reduced case loads, a permanent leadership team, improved practice, more management capacity and supervision, and better processes for responding quickly when a child goes missing from care.

Frances Nicholson, cabinet member for Children and Families at Somerset County Council, said: “I'd like to thank the young victims involved for their

bravery in stepping forward to speak out about what has happened to them.

“If not for them these crimes may have gone unnoticed for some time.

“This report makes very difficult reading and will bring home the uncomfortable truth that this form of child abuse – like all other forms – takes place everywhere, including Somerset.

“It is clear that all the agencies had lessons to learn and that the system as a whole did not respond well enough to protect and support these young people.

“The report covers a period several years ago and this issue is now much better understood and considerable improvements have been made in the way agencies respond together.

“No one can rule out CSE happening in this county, but we can say that the system is much better placed to prevent it where possible and respond to it quickly and effectively when it is identified”.

Improvements have been made by all agencies, those relating to the council's Children's Services include:

- A new regional CSE support services was launched in October, jointly commissioned with the Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner;
- CSE training from Barnardos has been made available to all professionals – more than 1,000 staff (including social workers and school staff) have completed it face-to-face and a further 500 online;
- Around 170 professionals attended two conferences on the subject;
- School safeguarding leads are provided with guidance and best practice around CSE;
- All education advisors are asked to have an identified CSE and collect data on what safeguarding training has been carried out, including around CSE, which is monitored in an annual audit;
- Schools have been helped to develop their PSHE and healthy relationships education, with specific CSE programme available to all secondary schools.

Swastika graffiti in Ottery St Mary

THE community in Ottery St Mary was left horrified last week when a swastika was graffitied on the path between the town centre and The King's School.

One resident took to the Facebook page ‘Ottery Matters’ to ask how best to remove it and showed concern that the hateful symbol would be seen by hundreds of schoolchildren who walk the route from school to the town each day.

Both DIY shops in the town, Roberts and Abbot's DIY, took to the social media community to condemn the graffiti saying they will look at getting in products to remove it quickly with Chris Abbot of Abbot's DIY saying that he would provide the means free of charge.



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■ THE new intake of reception-class children at Neroche Primary School at Broadway near Ilminster are settling in well. It has been a busy few weeks for the new pupils, learning routines and getting to know their way around. "Welcoming our 30 new children into the school has been an absolute delight," said headteacher Connel Boyle

Preferred route announced for A303 dualling

THE next step in a multi-million-pound scheme to give drivers quicker, safer and more reliable journeys in the South West has taken a major step forward.

Highways England announced the preferred route for the dualling of the A303 between Sparkford and Ilchester.

The move for the £179 million scheme follows the recent announcement of the preferred route for the £1.6 billion upgrade of the A303 near Stonehenge, Wiltshire.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said: "The government is taking the big decisions for Britain's future and investing in the biggest roads upgrade in a generation.

"Our major upgrade to the A303, linking the M3 in the South East and the M5 in the South West, will create an expressway to boost the regional economy and provide better transport links.

"As part of this work, the £179 million upgrade between Sparkford and Ilchester will cut congestion, reduce journey times and improve safety for all road users."

Jim O'Sullivan, Highways England chief executive, said: "The A303 is a vital route between the South West and the rest of the country and this upgrade is absolutely necessary to provide much-needed capacity and to relieve the congestion which drivers have suffered for years.

"People who responded to our consultation earlier this year demonstrated strong support for option one, which closely follows the route of the existing A303 and so would have less impact on the rural setting.

"We now look forward to continuing to work with our partners and the local community to develop more detailed proposals to start construction in 2020.

"In the meantime, we invite visitors to our planned drop-in sessions where we can discuss the preferred route with those interested."

As part of its £15 billion investment in mo-

torways and A roads, the government is committed to upgrading all remaining sections of the A303 between the M3 and Ilminster, plus the A358 from Ilminster to the M5, to dual-carriageway standard, starting with three schemes: the A303 at Stonehenge, the A303 between Sparkford and Ilchester, and the A358 between Taunton and Southfields, Ilminster.

Two options for the section between Sparkford and Ilchester were consulted on earlier this year. The preferred route will support the local economy to grow by making the area more accessible for both tourism and business.

The proposed route will offer a high-quality dual carriageway with new two-level junction access with local roads and communities. The proposal will protect biodiversity and road users would benefit from the shorter route. It will improve local access for pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists.

Formal consultation is due to take place early next year along with the submission of a development consent order planning application.

Two public drop-in events where people can view the preferred route and talk to project experts will be held at the Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford, today and Friday - both between 3pm and 7pm.

Copies of the preferred route's plans and supporting reports are now available at Wincanton Library, Barrington Court near Ilminster, Yeovil Library, Lytes Cary near the Podimore roundabout on the A303, South Petherton Library, Montacute House, Taunton Library, County Hall in Taunton, Martock Library and South Somerset District Council's offices at Brympton Way in Yeovil.

More information about the preferred route can be viewed on the scheme website or by calling Highways England on 0300 123 5000.

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Darth Vader's troopers go down a storm at Poppy Appeal launch

THE Chard branch of the Royal British Legion launched its annual Poppy Appeal in the town centre – with the help of some “bad-dies”.

The RBL representatives along with the mayor, Cllr Garry Shortland, and local youth organisations and supporters were joined by *Star Wars* characters Darth Vader and his Stormtroopers from the Dorset Troopers group who recently took part in Chard Carnival.

Their attendance outside the Guildhall certainly proved an attraction for town-centre shoppers – especially the younger generation – and collecting tins rattled to the sound of donations.

Legion branch chairman Victoria White-man said she would like to thank everyone who attended the local Poppy Appeal launch and that she would love to see Chard record a bumper collection this year to support the ongoing and important work of the RBL.

There will be a two-minute silence outside the Guildhall in Fore Street, Chard, on Armistice Day on Saturday (11am).

After the short ceremony there will be refreshments available inside the Guildhall auditorium up until 12.30pm.

The annual Act of Remembrance will take place at the war memorial in the grounds of St Mary's Church on Sunday, including the laying of the wreaths. People will gather from around 10.50am ahead of the two-minute silence at 11am. The ceremony will be followed by a service of Remembrance inside the church.



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Blaze is out before fire crews arrive

A WASHING-MACHINE blaze in a property in Oak Drive, Crewkerne, was out before firefighters got a chance to tackle it.

Fire crews from Crewkerne, Yeovil and Beaminster were mobilised.

A spokesman for the fire and rescue service said: “On arrival, crews confirmed that the fire was out.”

“Crews removed the appliance to open air and checked for any additional hot spots within the property, using a thermal imaging camera.”

“The fire was believed to be accidental and no persons were injured.”

Fair proving popular

ONLY a few tables remain for the craft fair that is part of the Christmas Lighting Up event being staged in Crewkerne on Friday November 24.

The craft fair, organised by Crewkerne Christmas Committee, will be in Victoria Hall from 5.30pm.

There are also opportunities for charity stalls in Falkland Square.

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Disneyland - where dreams



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Although everyone on the three-day trip enjoyed the rides, the excitement of Disneyland and meeting famous characters such as Mickey Mouse and Tigger, it was those 20 very special minutes in the theatre which will live longest in the memory.

The medley of song and dance from the musicals *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *An American Tale* and *Peter Pan* was performed to perfection.

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Firefighters were called at 3pm after members of the public had seen smoke coming from the building on the old Horlicks site.

Four pumping appliances were despatched, and a spokesman for the fire and rescue service said: "Upon (crews') arrival, the building was found to be well alight and the officer in charge requested a further six pumping appliances be mobilised."

The entire building, which measured 80m by 30m, was on fire. The blaze was brought

under control around 7.30pm.

The spokesman said: "Including relief crews and special appliances, crews attended from Chard, Taunton, Ilminster, Axminster, Martock, Crewkerne, Honiton, Beamminster (Dorset & Wiltshire FRS), Bridgwater, Burnham-on-Sea, Yeovil and Street."

"Crews used an aerial ladder platform as a water tower to firefight externally, two attack jets, two safety jets, six breathing apparatus and a positive pressure ventilation fan to extinguish the fire, which was started deliberately and caused 100 per cent internal damage. There were no casualties."

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Tods trio complete advanced apprenticeships



■ **ANDREW Roberts, Sophie Scott and Jake Oliver** display their certificates following the presentation in the boardroom at Tods' Crewkerne headquarters

TODS Aerospace employees Jake Oliver, Sophie Scott and Andrew Roberts have completed their four-year advanced apprenticeships in engineering.

A presentation ceremony was held in the boardroom at the company's Crewkerne base.

Local MP Marcys Fysh was invited to present the certificates.

Mr Fysh said: "I was honoured to be asked to return for a third successive year to Crewkerne to present the newly qualified apprentices with their certificates."

"I spoke with their proud families about the hard work and enthusiasm for this very important qualification."

"Apprenticeships like these are so vital in developing the much-needed highly skilled jobs locally for our aerospace and engineering industries throughout South Somerset."

"These industries are intertwined with our local history, and we must continue to make sure they have the appropriate workforce to continue to grow and prosper."



■ **THE amazing colours** seen in a cave at Wookey Hole during a visit by members of Crewkerne & District U3A's geology group
Photo by LIZ RANDALL

Going underground

MEMBERS of a Crewkerne geology group have visited Wookey Hole Caves, in Mid Somerset. They were taken round by a young cave diver.

The guide explained to the 44 members of the group, which is part of Crewkerne University of the Third Age, how the River Axe, which flows through the limestone rocks, has carved out the spectacular caverns.

The tour included the new Chamber 20 which contains evidence of an ancient earthquake and beautiful rock formations caused by periglacial meltwater erosion.

"Exploration is still going

on at Wookey Hole because new caves continue to be found," said geology group leader Val Watson.

The outing included a visit to the old paper mill buildings to see hand-made paper being produced.

"Water from the River Axe filters through the rocks and is clean enough to be used in the process," said Val.

Wookey Hole Caves are owned by Daniel Medley who is a former pupil of Val at Maiden Beech Middle School – now Maiden Beech Academy. He'll be pleased to know she gave the visit 10 out of 10.

Invitation to Friends of Crewkerne Station's annual meeting

THE Friends of Crewkerne Station hope for a good turnout for their AGM tomorrow (Wednesday) in the town hall (7.30pm).

Secretary Gail Coleshill said: "There will be an opportunity to make your views heard on the timetable consultation and to hear a review of our activities over the year."

"Our meetings are open to all and we would love to see people at the AGM. There are plenty of opportunities to join in with our other activities as we meet at the station every Thursday morning at 10.30am. Our Christmas open day will be on December 2 at the station."

The Windwhistle Inn Christmas Party Menu

2 courses £16.50 • 3 courses £21.50

Starter Sharing Platter

(A sociable starter where platters will be placed in the middle of the table for all guests who ordered the starter platter to share between them)

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Nut Roast

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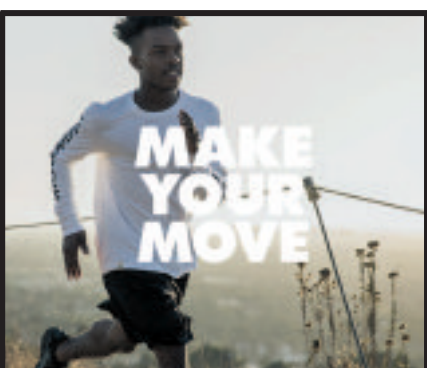
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OUR CAUSE: STOP MEN DYING TOO YOUNG

THE state of men's health is in crisis. Men experience worse longer-term health than women and die on average six years earlier. Prostate cancer rates will double in the next 15 years. Testicular cancer rates have already doubled in the last 50. Three quarters of suicides are men. Poor mental health leads to half a million men taking their own life every year. That's one every minute.

OUR FATHERS, PARTNERS, BROTHERS AND FRIENDS ARE FACING THIS HEALTH CRISIS AND IT'S NOT BEING TALKED ABOUT - WE CAN'T AFFORD TO STAY SILENT!

The Movember Foundation is uniquely placed to address the crisis at a global level. We're funding ground-breaking programmes all over the world, engaging with men where they are, to understand what works best, to help make change happen sooner.

Our goals are big, but the impact of doing nothing is bigger. We need to act.

What does this future look like? Half as many men dying from prostate and testicular cancer. Half as many men suffering serious side effects as a result of their treatment. A quarter fewer men dying from suicide.

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THIS IS HOW WE'LL WIN THE FIGHT:

- Give men the facts
- Change behaviour for the better
- Create services that work for men
- Bring the brightest minds together
- Listen to the community and advocate for men

INNOVATING ON A GLOBAL SCALE:

We cannot achieve our goals without building a movement with partners at all levels of government, research and civil society. This has to happen globally, with results shared across borders to extend our reach. We're creating innovative solutions, using new ideas and new technology to solve long-standing problems.

Read about our global programmes on our website: uk.movember.com

ENSURING FUNDING GOES WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST:

In addition to global initiatives, we fund a diverse range of country-specific and local programmes, always ensuring that knowledge gained is shared onwards.

We report on all the initiatives we fund to hold ourselves accountable and to ensure that we're always assessing the success of those initiatives, learning, and improving.

TRANSLATING KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION:

We make the most of research findings to accelerate new ideas into practice, share information and encourage other organisations to do the same.

"I'd like to imagine my son growing up in a world where prostate cancer can be cured. In a world where the way Dad freely talked about his health and his regular health checks isn't unique, but the norm."

Read Charlotte's story on the website: uk.movember.com



"Three years after my diagnosis, I've enjoyed my first year of marriage, run my first marathon, realised my dream to become a firefighter, and now I'm expecting my first child in November. I'm determined to never take a day for granted."

Read Adam's story on the website: uk.movember.com



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WE'RE GOING TO WIN THE FIGHT

GLOBALLY, the rate of suicide is alarmingly high, particularly in men. Around the world, on average we lose a man to suicide every minute of every day. Three out of four suicides are men. Too many are toughing it out and struggling alone.

WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTION TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND REDUCE THE RATE OF MALE SUICIDE.

We're working toward a world where men and boys take action to be mentally healthy and well, and are supported by their friends, family and community during tough times.

THIS IS WHAT WE'RE DOING ABOUT IT.

The causes of suicide are complex. There's no single reason why men take their own lives, but we do know that by improving overall mental health we can reduce the risk of suicide. We need to address untreated mental health conditions among men.

We're looking at mental health through a male lens, and taking action at a community level to find solutions that work for men.

HOW WE'RE GOING TO WIN THE FIGHT

1. EDUCATION

Helping men and boys to stay mentally healthy, build strong social connections and take action early when times are tough.

2. CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

Working toward a world where men and boys are comfortable having conversations about the big things in life.

3. SERVICES THAT WORK FOR MEN

We know the needs of men, and we're working to make sure that services are designed with those needs in mind.

4. BRIGHT MINDS, BROUGHT TOGETHER

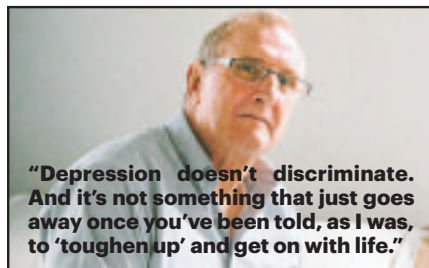
We're funding the most innovative projects, and when we know something works, we share that knowledge globally.

5. COMMUNITY FIRST

Men need to be able to access support in their communities and where they're comfortable. There's no one-size-fits-all solution.

6. ADVOCATING FOR ALL MEN

We're forcing governments to understand the issues that men are facing, and we're demanding action.



Read Nic's story on the website:
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■ THE cheque is presented to the Memory Club based at the Henhayes Centre in Crewkerne

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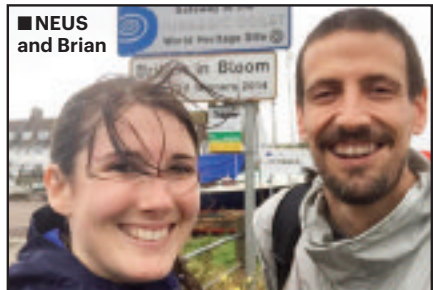
TWO members of staff at Hays Travel in Crewkerne walked almost 20 miles in aid of the Memory Club at the town's Henhayes Centre.

Branch manager Brian Childs and apprentice travel consultant Neus Luna walked the 19.5 miles from Lyme Regis to Sidmouth in eight hours and 33 minutes.

The total raised came to just over £204 and Neus said: "The weather was horrendous."

"Before the walk, we had a competition for people to guess how long it would take us and we managed to raise £204.06 for the Memory Club."

■ NEUS and Brian



Dance caller Frank, 14, taking the right steps towards glory

CREWKERNE schoolboy Frank Agar is taking all the right steps to qualify for a gong in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

He is being helped by members of Crewkerne Folk Dance Club and following in the footsteps of his parents, Jacqui and Richard, who were both keen folk dancers.

Having become a skilled dancer, Frank, who is 14 and a pupil at Wadham School, is now having lessons in the art of calling – which means telling people what to do during the sometimes complicated manoeuvres of a dance – in order to win bronze in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

According to Leslye Stansfield, who is a caller at the folk dance club and the leader of the Crewkerne & District U3A folk dancing group, Frank is doing a terrific job.

"He is confident, clear in what he says and doing really well," said Leslye, who is work-

ing with him as his tutor. "We are delighted to see a youngster getting involved. It is like a breath of fresh air."

They would like him to take on the job of becoming a regular caller at the club.

"I'd be interested," said Frank. "I'm really enjoying myself."

At the last meeting, Frank called for two dances, *Comical Fellow* and *Jamaica* which both date from the 1600s.

Television viewers may know *Jamaica* which is used as the theme music in the comedy series *Upstart Crow*.

● CREWKERNE Folk Dance Club meets every Thursday at St Bartholomew's Church Hall from 8pm to 10pm.

The Crewkerne U3A folk dancing group meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Speedwell Hall from 2.10pm to 4pm.

■ FRANK Agar calls for a dance at Crewkerne Folk Dance Club
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CHARD Rotary Club is highlighting historic progress towards a polio-free world by donating 5,000 purple crocus bulbs to Chard Town Council.

The presentation of the crocus bulbs took place at The Guildhall.

President of Chard Rotary Club Robin Williams presented the Mayor of Chard, Cllr Garry Shortland, and members of the town council's amenities team with the bulbs which will be planted around the town.

Rotarians across Britain and Ireland are holding Purple4Polio events to raise awareness of and money for the organisation's campaign to end polio now and forever.

This is part of an effort between Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and the Royal Horticultural Society to plant about five million purple crocus corms across Britain and Ireland, adding to



seven million planted last year.

Rotary members are teaming up with RHS community-based Bloom groups and other floral organisations to plant the bulbs in public spaces.

Purple is the colour of the dye placed on the little finger on the left hand of a child to show they have been immunised against polio, hence the name Purple4Polio.

With millions of children to vaccinate, this makes it easier to see who has been protected and who has not.



Were mock trials a success? Well, judge for yourselves!

THE historic Old Courthouse in Chard was opened up to the public recently – and visitors were able to take part in mock trials.

The Old Courthouse in Fore Street is hidden from view from the road – but historical evidence shows that the building was in existence around the 16th and 17th centuries and that it was used as a court of justice.

There have long been suggestions that Judge Jeffreys used the court building at the Bloody Assizes of 1685 in the aftermath of the Battle of Sedgemoor which ended the Monmouth Rebellion – but these stories are incorrect.

Nevertheless, the current Mayor of Chard, Cllr Garry Shortland, took on the role of judge to hand out some pretty stiff "sentences"

to voluntary "offenders" who stood before him for a range of "crimes" including "the theft of an undergarment, serving watered-down beer and selling mouldy meat".

He was ably assisted by Sara Dowell, who took on the role of court clerk, and the mayor's chaplain, Rev Cresswell Whitton, who was on hand to offer some religious advice.

Donations made on the day by visitors will go to the mayor's charities – the Lord's Larder and Hope for Tomorrow.

Cllr Shortland thanked everyone for attending and joining in the fun of the mock trials.

"I rather enjoyed being the judge and handing out the punishments," he said.

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Janis having previously worked as a Teaching Assistant at Seaton Primary School has decided to open up shop in the busy town of Seaton at this time as she is well aware of the town's growing popularity; with the Jurassic Centre, the new Tramway station and the construction

of the new Premier Inn the town is set to encourage more holiday-makers all hungry for a sweet fix.

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Our district's golden girls and

AN ENTHUSIASTIC audience was thrilled and inspired when the red carpet was rolled out for youngsters and volunteers at South Somerset District Council's Gold Star Awards ceremony at the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil.

Now in its 11th year, the Gold Star Awards first took place in front of dozens of people at Yeovil's Cineworld. From low-key beginnings it has become a well-loved event – and this time, 600 people were treated to a heartening evening singing the praises of the district's inspirational people.

The Gold Star Awards primarily focus on celebrating young people and the adult volunteers working with them. Nine awards were presented on the evening – and there were live performances from Kuk Sool Won of Yeovil, Dance Factory, Cary Amateur Theatrical Society and Orchard Gymnastics.

The final act was Gus, Joe and Amy. Aged between 12 and 15 they overcame their nerves to produce a performance that got the audience clapping along and cheering enthusiastically.

All winners received a rousing ovation, with particularly loud cheers for joint Junior Sports Club/Team of the Year (Wincanton Wizards and Orchard Gymnastics) and Junior Club/Group/Organisation of the Year (Henstridge Youth Club).

The audience heard how the Young Sports Performer of the Year, Lewis McCoy, had reached the lofty heights of national tumbling champion.

And they heard how the Rising Artistic Star of the Year, Beth Jarvis, had success-

fully auditioned for the Royal Ballet School.

The coveted Lifetime Achievement award was won by Gina Westbrook, who has dedicated many years providing arts opportunities to young people – often in the most deprived areas of Somerset.

Cllr Sylvia Seal, South Somerset's spokesman for leisure and culture, said: "South Somerset District Council is committed to supporting young people year round and this awards ceremony gives well-deserved recognition to so many of our local heroes.

"These dedicated volunteers, coaches and young people enable many of the rural villages to run the clubs, facilities and activities that are the lifeblood of their communities.

"It is fair to say that every person nominated deserved an award. This event is about giving something back to these people as well as sharing some remarkably inspirational stories."

The winners of the 2017 awards were:

Adult Volunteer of the Year – Warren Lee (Keinton Mandeville Sea Scout Group); Junior Sports Club/Team of the Year – Wincanton Wizards/Orchard Gymnastics; Junior Club/Group/Organisation of the Year – Henstridge Youth Club; Adult Sports Volunteer of the Year – Grace Channing (Pen Mill Football Club); Young Sports Performer of the Year – Lewis McCoy (Orchard Gymnastics); Somerset Play Forum Play Achievement Award – Rosie Pike; Rising Artistic Star of the Year – Beth Jarvis (Dance Factory); Young Volunteer of the Year – Tim Batty; Lifetime Achievement Award – Gina Westbrook.

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■ **WARREN** Lee (Keinton Mandeville Sea Scout Group) with Cllr Sylvia Seal, Cllr Mike Best and Claire Carter



■ **YOUNG** Sports Performer of the Year – Lewis McCoy (Orchard Gymnastics)



■ **ADULT** Sports Volunteer of the Year – Grace Channing (Pen Mill Football Club)



■ **JUNIOR** Club/Group/Organisation of the Year – Henstridge YC



■ **RISING** Artistic Star of the Year – Beth Jarvis (Dance Factory)



■ **CARY** Amateur Theatrical Society perform



■ **LIFETIME** Achievement Award – Gina Westbrook; inset, Young Volunteer of the Year – Tim Batty



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Moor the merrier on TV tonight

Countryfile star Matt Baker meets a fan on a Dartmoor yomp that helps the BBC's Children in Need appeal through a special TV show tonight. Matt stars in *The Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children in Need* on BBC One. He and his fellow presenters joined in rambles in locations across the UK earlier this month. Since the first Ramble in 2015, the show has raised £2.3m for Children in Need.

Unions condemn 'dangerous' on first anniversary of major

'End 99 cuts no

On the first anniversary of the blaze that ripped through a city's historic heart, firefighters yesterday demanded an end to "dangerous" cuts. Unions said they feared lessons learned in the "horrific" inferno that devastated Exeter's Royal Clarence Hotel a year ago "have not been learned".

City on song



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Town Beavers eager to be dementia friends

BEAVERS in Ilminster have joined the town's dementia-friendly community by becoming dementia friends after listening to a special presentation at their weekly meeting.

The social-action initiative, started by the Alzheimer's Society in 2013, offers free information sessions to anyone of any age.

The aim is to make as many people as possible aware of what it's like to live with dementia and dispel some of the myths and stigma surrounding it, and then urge them to pledge to take some form of action within their local community.

Dementia friends champion Marion Spencer made the presentation to the Beavers.

She said: "They really were eager Beavers, keen to be involved with the session, and listened with interest.

"There were lots of pertinent questions and they gave intelligent answers.

"We have specially scripted presentations, tailored to different age groups, to make it fun for adults and children alike.

"But the basic message is the same, to help everyone learn more about dementia and lead to better understanding and empathy.

"Many of the Beavers came up to me at the end and thanked me and they all said they had learned something, even the leaders."

At the end of the presentation, the Beavers were encouraged to go home and share what they had learned.

They all received a special badge to



■ DEMENTIA friends champion Marion Spencer with Ilminster Beavers

gether with information on the five key messages they were taught and wrote on a postcard what they would try to do within their community to make a difference.

Dementia friends work alongside Scouting as a whole. Scouting launched its own community-impact campaign aiming to

mobilise 500,000 people by 2018, in support of four social issues chosen by young people. Those issues include dementia.

For more information on dementia friends, visit dementiafriends.org.uk.

To book a local session, send an email to marions.view@gmail.com.

Official opening for school's new nursery

FIRST Friends, a new nursery facility based at Neroche Primary School in Broadway near Ilminster, is being officially opened today (Tuesday).

An official opening ceremony will take place at 3pm and will be attended by Cllr Gemma Verdon – junior cabinet member for children and families – and local county councillor Linda Piggott-Vijey.

The new nursery was one of six successful bids from the county council to the Department for Education last year to support the introduction of the new 30 hours offer for working parents in the county.

Cllr Frances Nicholson, cabinet member for children and families, said: "We are delighted about the opening of First Friends.

"This new building has created extra Early Years places for families in the community of Neroche, and will support working families to take up their three- and four-year-old children's 30 hours entitlement."

Neroche Primary's headteacher Connel Boyle said: "The school's Ilminster and village communities are over the moon with our new First Friends pre-school.

"As a new age-two-to-11 primary school, we now have the opportunities to work together with children and families before children start 'big' school.

"Our dedicated teachers and Early Years key workers are already making a positive difference to the lives of families in our community.

"Our partnership with Somerset County Council has been crucial in developing this wonderful facility. Without the council's financial support this scheme could not have gone ahead."

For more information about First Friends, visit slp5.somerset.org.uk/webs/neroche/sitepages/home.aspx.

And for more information about the new extended 30 hours entitlement, visit somerset.gov.uk/eye30 or call Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.

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30th anniversary ahoy for Chard RNA

MORE than 80 honoured guests and shipmates of Chard Royal Naval Association were invited to a special dinner to celebrate the group's 30th anniversary.

Branch president Shipmate Roy Lovell and chairman Malcolm Day welcomed everyone and set the scene for the evening.

Number 4 area chaplain Geoffrey Walsh offered Nelson's Grace and a fine dinner was served by the Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster.

The president of Number 4 area, Shipmate David White MBE MSM, who was accompanied by his wife Monica, gave an informative after-

dinner speech. The Loyal Toast was offered by Commodore David Pond, patron of the Chard branch.

There followed presentations, flowers for the women and various gifts to the other guests.

Shipmate Dan Sherren, the Portland branch chairman, asked Charles H Thompson BEM to present a 30th-anniversary gift of an engraved glass rose bowl from the Portland branch to the president of the Chard branch.

The entertainment, raffles and splicing of the mainbrace were highlights of the well-organised evening.

Proceedings were brought to a

close with *The Last Waltz* and a hymn – *The Day Thou Gavest Lord Is Over* – followed by a Royal Marines sunset and pipe down.

The following day, Chard branch members and some of the guests from the previous evening attended the annual Trafalgar church service at St Thomas' Church, Cricket St Thomas.

There, two standards – Chard branch and Redruth – were paraded.

Following the service those attending relocated to Cricket St Thomas Golf Club for refreshments prior to departing to their various destinations.

Pressing engagement

■ THE apple presser, Dave Orchard
Picture by CHRISTINE JONES



WHEN it came to doing some apple pressing at Chard Museum with some traditional methods there was only one man for the job – Dave Orchard.

"With Dave having the surname Orchard you couldn't find anyone with a better name," said a Chard Museum spokesperson.

Dave pressed out the apples and visitors were able to sample the sweet taste of the resulting juice and see much larger machinery used in the making of cider in years gone by on display. It was the final day of the 2017

season for the award-winning museum in High Street.

And it has now closed for the winter months, enabling volunteers to get things ready for next year.

"We're planning some big changes during the closure and we'll keep people updated with all the latest news," said the museum spokesman.

"A big thank you to all the people who have supported the museum this year and we look forward to seeing them all again in 2018."



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Prospective parents and their children are being invited to take a look around the facility, in what promises to be a fun-filled afternoon.

Sunny Days Nursery is set within the Playdome facility at Heathpark Industrial Estate, and offers high quality care and attention to children, as well as understanding that every child is unique and learns at their own pace.

The birthday celebrations will be held on Monday, November 20th from

3.30pm to 5pm for a Teddy Bears Picnic party with lots of party games including pass the parcel.

Parents and Grandparents will get the chance to meet and mix with each other and it will give new parents the chance to meet existing parents. There will also be free teas, coffees and snacks available for children and parents that attend Sunny Days or are interested in doing so.

Sunny Days is keen to nurture the next generation of great minds in the world and help to set them on the road to fulfilling their potential. All staff are fully qualified and have a wealth of experience with children.

The nursery rooms are set up to meet individual age related needs. The Bambino Room is a specialist area designed for chil-

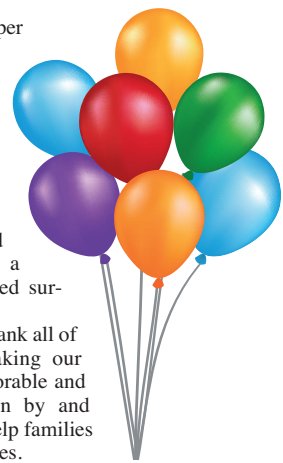
dren up to the age of one, and the room contains a spacious play section and a separate sleep room. The Little Explorers room is for two-year-olds looking to take their first steps towards discovering new experiences, while the pre-school is for three to four-year-olds to enjoy. All the rooms are staffed by educators specialising in that particular age range and are light, bright, air conditioned and stuffed full of toys.

Sunny Days also offers an outdoor facility which contains a grass area for the children to experiment with gardening, as well as a quiet discovery section. The outdoor facility also has an undercover section so that children can be active and learn outdoors in all weathers.

The nursery, which has been set up

alongside Marie Cooper the nursery manager, recognises the importance of fresh air and that some children prefer learning and playing outside. Sunny Days boasts a huge area for bikes, trikes and running around on a soft, brightly coloured surface.

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Mike's musical history tour

VIRTUOSO jazz pianist Mike Denham returns to Ilminster Arts Centre to play a special solo concert on Friday, November 24th. Entitled 'From Rags to Riches', the concert

celebrates Scott Joplin's ragtime compositions and their influence on 100 years of popular music.

Marking the centenary of Joplin's death in 1917, the concert will take the

audience on a 'magical history tour' of American music from the origins of jazz in ragtime and blues, via the legendary pianists Fats Waller and Jelly Roll Morton, and on to the evergreen songs of George Gershwin and Irving Berlin, with a smattering of Fat Domino's boogie woogie and the birth of rock'n'roll thrown in for good measure.

Mike Denham is a regular performer at Ilminster Arts Centre, and his shows are always popular. As well as being a highly skilful pianist, Mike is a great raconteur with a huge passion for his subject. He wears his knowledge lightly though, and his humorous anecdotes bring the musical past alive, as well as being thoroughly entertaining.

Mike's concerts nearly always sell-out, so advanced booking for 'From Rags to Riches' is strongly recommended. Call the Box Office on 01460 54973 to make sure of your place at a memorable musical evening.

'Rags to Riches' – an evening with Mike Denham' takes place at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, November 24th at 8pm. Tickets are £12 (£14 pre-show supper at 7pm, must be pre-booked), available by calling 01460 54973 or online at www.themeetinghouse.org.uk



■ Mike Denham

Choirs reunite for a double act

FOLLOWING highly successful collaborations during the last three years, and to recognise the Quincentenary of the publication of Martin Luther's 95 Theses which initiated the Protestant Reformation, Axminster and Yeovil Chamber Choirs will be reuniting in November and December to perform a concert entitled "Light out of Darkness – English and German Music from the Reformation."

In all, over 40 local singers will take part in the concerts, which will be conducted by Peter Parshall who is director of both groups.

"This will be the fourth occasion on which the choirs have combined and I rather think that that these performances have become a tradition!" says Peter.

"Having the opportunity to combine two small chamber ensembles, however, enables us to tackle music in up to eight voice parts, which means that we can bring some rarely-heard gems of the repertoire to local audiences."

Music from the German Reformation repertoire by Johann Walter, Michael Praetorius, Heinrich Schütz, Hieronymus Praetorius, Heinrich Scheidemann and by Martin Luther himself will be paired with works by their English contemporaries Thomas Tallis, Christopher Tye, William Mundy, Edmund Hooper,

William Byrd and Orlando Gibbons, and the concerts will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday, November 22nd in Cheap Street Church, Sherborne, and on Wednesday, December 6th in St Mary's Church (The Minster), Axminster. Tickets cost £10 (to include refreshments), and are available

on the door at both venues.

Advance tickets can be obtained by contacting 01935 873 719 (www.yeovilchamberchoir.org) or 01297 639 377 (www.axminsterchamberchoir.com)

Yeovil Chamber Choir is an auditioned chamber choir of about 25 experienced singers from the local area. It was formed in 1993 to provide a platform for performing music that would normally be outside the scope of a choral society. Its repertoire includes both accompanied and unaccompanied music. In addition, it has both commissioned and performed new compositions. Yeovil Chamber Choir performs a minimum of three concerts a year, usually in local churches. It rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm-9.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Preston Grove, Yeovil, and has current spaces for altos, tenors and basses.

Axminster Chamber Choir was formed in 2012 in response to a request made by local singers, for a small auditioned ensemble which would specialise in singing Early Music with very few voices to a part. The choir held its first rehearsal in October 2012, and gave its first public performance in December of that year. The group has now increased in both size and repertoire to consist of 20 singers singing polyphonic music from the Renaissance period to the present day. It has performed both liturgically and in concert over the past five years. Axminster Chamber Choir rehearses on Monday evenings from 6.00-7.30pm in the Minster Church in Axminster, and is currently looking for another soprano and another tenor to complete the ensemble.

Axminster Musical Theatre's voyage to the South Pacific

AXMINSTER Musical Theatre brings the story of Rodgers and Hammerstein's 1949 musical, *South Pacific*, to Axminster Guildhall from November 15th to 18th. It is considered by most critics to be among the greatest musicals of the twentieth century and many of its songs went on to have a life of their own outside of the musical, including "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair," "Happy Talk," "Bali Ha'i," "Younger than Springtime," and "I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy." It inspired a 1958 film adaptation and has enjoyed numerous successful revivals.

Set on an island paradise during World War II, two parallel love stories are threatened by the dangers of prejudice and war. Nellie, a spunky nurse from Arkansas (played by stage favourite Kelly Apps), falls in love with a mature French planter, Emile (played by newcomer Mark Worsley). Nellie learns that the mother of his children was an island native and, unable to turn her back on the prejudices with which she was raised, refuses Emile's proposal of marriage. Meanwhile, the dashing US Marine, Lt. Joe Cable (played by Dan Wilde) denies himself the fulfilment of a future with Liat (played by Phoebe Goodwin), an innocent Tonkinese girl with whom he's fallen in love out of the same fears that haunt Nellie. Into the mix are numerous characters, the young American navy Seabees desperate for female attention, which they get from the nubile and coquettish army nurses stationed on the island. Perhaps the most brazen and larger than life character, is native islander Bloody Mary (played by another stage favourite Tracey Wakeling) who is shrewd and devious as they come, doing whatever it takes to survive which includes attempting to marry her daughter, Liat, off to Cable by luring him to the mystical island, Bali Hai.

The show runs from November 15th – 18th at 7.30pm nightly, with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are available either from Archway Bookshop (01297 33595) or online <https://seaty.co.uk/southpacific>



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CHARD: Chard Ladies' Evening Guild will have a Health & Safety talk and demonstration by the Red Cross at their November 7th meeting. New members and visitors will be very welcome to join us at Manor Court School at 7pm.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

SEATON: Body Moves with Age UK Devon. Exercises for the over 50s at The Methodist Church 11.45 - 12.45. All welcome. Call 03332 412340 or email info@ageukdevon.co.uk for more info.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

AXMINSTER: Chair Yoga-size. Bradshaw Room, Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street (next to Heritage Centre) 10.30am-11.30am. For more details call 07976 312541.

SEATON: Yoga with a Chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Just turn up! Contact: Yvonne 01297 20326 or email

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ROUSDON: Combyne Rousdon Social Club, Annual Turkey Bingsos, held at Peek Hall Rousdon. Half time hot dogs and pasties, tea coffee and bar. Doors open 7pm eyes down at 8pm. any queries, call 01297 443235 Come and have some bingo fun!

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association meeting at the Chard Rugby Football Club, Essex Close at 7.30pm for their bimonthly official meeting. Anyone wishing to attend would be made most welcome and remember you do not have to be former service personnel to join the association.

BEER: 'The Unreturning Army', an illustrated talk by David Gordon based on the experiences of his father, Huntly, who was an officer in the Royal Field Artillery during the First World War at the Battle of Passchendaele. Refreshments available. Congregational Hall, Fore Street, Beer, 7.30pm. Admission free, donations to the Beer branch, Royal British Legion.

SEATON: Call in for a cuppa and a chat with Age UK Devon Number One (1 Harepath Road). 9.30 - 12.30 noon. Wheelchair access available.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at the Henhayes Centre - "eyes down" at 2.00pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games, cash prizes. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

HONITON: Hospiscare Light Up A Light Service 7pm. St Paul's Church, Honiton. The choir of Littleton school also taking part. Refreshments will be served afterwards

CREWKERNE: By arrangement by the Saraswati Buddhist group a Buddhist Monk, Geshe Sherab, will be giving an evening talk titled 'Sustaining the Hope in Troubled Times'. Talk starts at 7.30pm until 9pm at the Henhayes Community Centre TA18 8DA. £5 on the door. For more details call 0781 7789 365

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9TH

SEATON: Knit and Natter with Age UK Devon, 1.30pm - 3.30pm, at Number One (1 Harepath Road). Wheelchair access available.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre, 10 - 11am. £3.50 (members £2.50)

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/£3.00 for non-members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

CHARDSTOCK: Beginners Tai Chi and Chi Kung classes, 10.30am-11.30am at Chardstock Community Centre, every Thursday. For more details call 07951 402717.

ILMINSTER: Ilminster Thursday Group weekly talks at the Warehouse Theatre TA19 9AD Continuing Travels in Central & S America Part 2. 9.15 for 10.15 Further details 01460 259596

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9TH - SUNDAY 12TH

AXMINSTER: Handmade blanket display at United Reformed Church, Chard Street. 10am-4pm on Thursday and Friday, 10am-12noon Saturday, plus during the 10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service. The blankets will then be packed up to begin the long journey to their destination, needy young children in Eastern Europe and refugees. There will be an opportunity to contribute toward the cost of their transport. All are welcome.

Darker Days

Local singer-songwriter Joanna Cooke releases new single

RISING south west-based music artist Joanna Cooke brings another original song to the fore this week for radio airplay, download, streaming and video. "Darker Days", taken from the singer's second successful EP 'Wound Up', highlights Joanna's classy, soulful voice, with esteemed bluesman Vince Lee contributing featured artist vocal lines too on the powerful track.

2017 has been another busy and successful year for Joanna. By its end, she'll have played over 120 live shows, including 15 festivals, with a main stage appearance supporting Rag N Bone Man on his hand picked bill at The Wyldes, Cornwall.

Joanna's music has received strong support from BBC Introducing radio in both Devon and Cornwall. She's also scheduled to be BBC Introducing Artist of the Week on the 'Georgey Tonight' radio show to be broadcast on all 40 BBC local radio stations nationally in the week commencing November 20th 2017.

There has been continuing success with Joanna's electronic dance music work too, with her high quality vocals and top-line writing skills being used internationally by producers. Tracks In Australia (Odd Mob) and South Africa (Garcon) enjoyed dance/club chart #1s and her earlier track with Brazil's Vintage Culture has now topped four million plays on YouTube.

Joanna Cooke plays live at The Bay, Lyme Regis on Saturday, December 23rd.



Joanna Cooke

New owners at the Wheelwright in Colyton

THE WHEELWRIGHT in Colyton is under new management. Come and join Claire, Christian and their two children Evie and Jude on Tuesday, November 7th to soak up the atmosphere of the newly decorated pub. The opening party



will start at 5pm and will offer free tasters from the mouth-watering new menu.

The Wheelwright also has a new team of staff with a couple of familiar faces working front of house. A brand-new kitchen team have been creating some delicious dishes ready for you to try and enjoy. Whether it is a meal out or a Christmas party the Wheelwright is sure to cater to your needs.

Claire and Christian have a great deal of experience in the catering industry as they have owned an award-winning street food business for the past 2 years with involvement with big festivals such as Glastonbury and Wilderness festival. They will be bringing this to the pub for a weekly curry night offer in the upcoming weeks.

Be sure to join the team in celebrating the hard work and see what the new management has to offer!



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Diary Dates

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits, raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 862866.

AXMINSTER: Simple Healthy Cooking Demos with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 11-1pm. Join us for six FREE sessions, including help with meal planning, understanding food labelling, cooking hints and tips to help make your life easier as a carer. You'll even receive a free meal to take home! At the Millwey Community Centre, First Avenue, Millwey Rise, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Call Nikki on 01297 631782 or email nikki@halff.org.uk for more information.

AXMINSTER: Spiritual Awareness Classes at Axminster Health and Wellbeing Centre. Beginners or advanced. Topics include energy fields, angel cards, and clairvoyance. 6.45-8pm. £3 per class, just turn up. For more details call 01460 221522.

AXMINSTER: A Chanting and Singing Circle. Yoga, Gospel, Folk, R&B - Try it! Friday eve's 7.30-9.00pm. Led by Lorryn a professional singer. Please call 07779946444 or email welcome@lorryndepey.com for details.

NORTH PERROTT: Ukulele Band concert. Performed by the Yeovil Ukulele club with vocal duo 'In Sync'. St. Martin's Church at 7.30pm. Adults £10, 13-18 years £5, 12 and unders free. Tickets include light supper and a glass of wine or juice. Call 01460 72883, 01460 76457 or email georgina222@uwclub.net to book.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. All ages are welcome; very friendly atmosphere with good 2 course lunch. Please book in advance by phoning 01460 77057 or 01460 72324. Further details also available on the same number.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Flower Club Christmas Demonstration will be held on Friday November 10th at 2.30pm. The venue is the United Reform Church Hall, Chard St, and the entrance fee is £5 to include refreshments. Pam Burge is the demonstrator and so the Hall will be full of Christmas Colour and Sparkle.

SEATON: Seaton and District Twinning Association Auction of Promises. 7.30pm at the Marshlands. Auctioneer Kevin Frost. Refreshments available at the bar, everyone welcome.

Promises include tickets to local attractions, meals, coach tickets and more. Entry free, programmes £1. For more details call 01297 625875.

HONITON: Honiton Camera Club - 7.30pm. Illustrated talk "Dartmoor Prison" by John Foulkes. Members free. Visitors welcome, £3. Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Street, off New Street. If you have an interest in photography, do come along. All ages, all abilities. www.honitoncameraclub.co.uk

COLYTON: 'What do forests do for us?' Talk by Rod Lawrence. At Peace Memorial Playing Fields Pavilion, Coly Road, Colyton, EX24 6PU, 7pm. No booking required. Free - Legacy to Landscape community heritage project event.

MISTERTON: Music Quiz at Misterton WI Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. A great toe-tapping evening covering all kinds of music. £6 per head with includes a good ploughman's supper (BYO drink). Tables of 4 - paired up on the night if necessary. Raising funds for our W.I. Hall's upkeep. Please book on 01460 74808 or email cewalker@hotmail.co.uk.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH

CHARD: Dancing with the Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Theme 'Sparklers Night with Poppies', at Chard Guildhall. 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door £6.

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9a-2pm. Tables £5. For more details call 01297 23591, or call 07891 486839

HINTON ST GEORGE: Flix in the Stix presents: 'Their Finest' (cert PG). In the village hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop or Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50 on the door. To reserve or for more details call 01460 72563.

SOUTH PERROTT: Autumn Bazaar in South Perrott (on A356) Village Hall from 2.30 pm. Entrance 20p per person. Contact 01935 891234.

HONITON: Hospiscare Big Breakfast, 9.30-11.30am. Mackarness Hall, Honiton. Come & enjoy a full English Breakfast £5.50 inclusive.

NORTON SUB HAMDON: Christmas Market with big prize raffle, unique handcrafted and homemade gifts, local produce, and great fun for the kids. At Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall, in aid of West Chinnock Playschool. 1pm-4.30pm.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

Award-winning theatre society to perform *Oliver*

THE award-winning Broadway Amateur Theatrical Society will be performing the musical *Oliver* - written by Lionel Bart - for their winter 2017 production on 16th - 18th November. The cast of over 50 - who range in age from 5 to 80 years - include many familiar faces.

As well as over 20 songs, ranging from heart wrenching solos to full cast rousing chorus numbers, you will be transported across various old London locations on a stage especially built for this performance. Musical productions by BATs are always highly rated, and receive glowing feedback from the audience. Once again you will not be disappointed by this exciting performance of *Oliver*.

The show is at Broadway Village Hall, Broadway, near Ilminster - and doors open at 6.45pm for curtain up at 7.30pm each night, with a matinee performance on Saturday 18th - doors open at 1.15pm for a curtain up at 2pm. There is a licensed bar open before the performances and at intervals.

Tickets are on sale at just £7 Adult and £4 youth (17 and under), from Horton Post Office, and on the door although prior booking is recommended as tickets always sell out fast. Further information is available from Christine Trueman on 07900 262720

Lights, mince pies, action at Arts Centre!

AS PART of Ilminster's Victorian Evening festivities on Friday, November 17th, the Arts Centre is inviting visitors to savour delicious homemade mince pies and warming mulled wine after watching the Christmas lights switch-on.

The sociable ambience of the Meeting House is the ideal place to rendezvous with friends and family after you've 'done the town', as well as browse and buy unique, handmade gifts from the Craft Shop.

There will be fine art to admire in the Gallery too, courtesy of the talented artists from the Neroche Artists group, whose exhibition runs until November 25th. The Gallery Café will also be serving tea, coffee and cakes so there will be a good choice of refreshments available for hungry visitors.

Victorian Evening is one of the most eagerly anticipated dates on the Ilminster town calendar - come enjoy the festive fun at the Arts Centre, from 6pm onwards. Entry is free!

A Really Classical concert

ANYONE who enjoyed Bristol's acclaimed Really Classical Relay - a wonderful weekend of classical music played on historical instruments, which took place earlier this year - will be delighted to learn that Concerts in the West is offering music lovers a chance to hear some of the festival's highlights again at the final performances of CitW's 2017 season.

Four brilliant young chamber musicians who played at Really Classical Relay - Jonathan Rees, John Crockatt, Guy Button and James Toll - will be bringing to life three superb works, including JS Bach's Preludes and Fugues, K404a (arr. Mozart), Haydn String Quartet Op. 20 No 2 in C major and Beethoven's luminous and transcendent late quartet Op.132 in A minor. For added authenticity, all the pieces will be played on historical instruments, so expect gut strings and unusually shaped bows. For added authenticity, the musicians play from early editions and manuscripts.

Jonathan Rees plays cello and viol with a number of different groups and has been a guest principal and viol soloist with the Academy of Ancient Music and Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, continuo gambist /bass violinist with ENO in Indian Queen, and has performed with the viol consorts Fretwork and Phantasm. Most notably, he performed Stockhausen's Mittwoch Aus Licht on a swinging perspex platform in a Birmingham Chemical Factory attended by two camels.

Jonathan is principal cellist of La Nuova Musica, is a founder member of the new viol consort Neue Vialles and is also principal cellist of the Faust Chamber Orchestra. He plays with fellow cellist Vladimir Waltham in prize-winning Duo Domenico, which has played in the London Baroque Festival, York International Early Music Festival and many venues across Europe.

John Crockatt is a professional violinist and violist, specialising in music from the baroque and classical eras. He has performed as principal viola with the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, as principal violin with Solomon's Knot and has played and recorded with groups including the English

Baroque Soloists, the Gabrieli Players and the Early Opera Company. In 2015 he performed as principal violinist in the Globe Theatre's play *Farinelli and the King*, starring Mark Rylance and Iestyn Davies. Projects in 2016 included concerts and recordings with Arcangelo, performances in China with the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra as well as recitals with harpsichordist Tom Foster in the UK and Spain.

Guy Button violin and viola. Following studies at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and Robinson College, Cambridge, Guy has appeared as chamber musician and soloist at the Wigmore Hall, St. John's Smith Square and many other high profile venues internationally. As well as performing in the Ruisi Quartet, Guy appears regularly with the London Chamber Orchestra, English Chamber Orchestra, European Union Chamber Orchestra, The 12 ensemble and the London Contemporary Orchestra.

James Toll began playing the violin at the age of six and studied at the Purcell School. He has played chamber music at the Wigmore Hall, Cadogan Hall, St John's and The Queen Elizabeth Hall, and once conducted a workshop for two hundred teenagers from South London, which he very much enjoyed. James has a Bachelor's degree from the Royal Northern College of Music and plays with some of the top ensembles in the UK. He

is currently trialling as co-principal second violin with the Scottish Ensemble.

Catherine Maddocks, the founder and director of Concerts in the West, said: "We are delighted to welcome back Jonathan Rees who played so beautifully for us with Reveries Musicales in 2012. Jonathan is also the founder and artistic director of Really Classical Relay, which is a terrific classical music micro festival in Bristol, featuring early music written between 1750 and 1830. The performances they are giving for Concerts in the West will give a flavour of the Relay wonderful programme, which the musicians play on historical instruments with both skill and tremendous enthusiasm. I cannot think of a better or more joyous way to end our 2017 series than with these remarkable musicians."

Evening recital programme: JS Bach Preludes and Fugues, K404a (arr. Mozart), Haydn String Quartet Op. 20 No 2 in C major; Beethoven String Quartet Op.132 in A minor.

The 'Really Classical' concert takes place at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, December 1st at 8pm. Box Office: 01460 55783 9.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday (Pre-concert supper at 7pm - advanced booking required £14) www.themeetinghouse.org.uk Tickets: £15. Bar and café, IAC and town parking, plus car parks, disabled access.



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Diary Dates

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH

CHISELBOROUGH: Autumn Market at Chiselborough Village Hall, 11am-2.30pm. Lots of stalls, raffle, and our famous lunches, 12-2pm.
DALWOOD: Roger Beaujolais and the Neil Burns Trio at the Tuckers Arms (EX13 7EG). Tickets £10, for more details call 01404 831280.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

CHARD: General Knowledge Quiz at Lordleaze Hotel, Chard in aid of ZEM CC. 7pm. start - £6 per team of 4. Prizes, Raffle. All welcome. Details (01460) 62842

MONDAY NOVEMBER 13TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.
AXMINSTER: Chair Yoga-size. Bradshaw Room, Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street (next to Heritage Centre) 10.30am-11.30am. For more details call 07976 312541.

BEER: Beer Film Society show: 'Alone in Berlin'. Doors open at 7pm. screening at 7.30pm. Members £4, guests £5. All welcome. Licensed Bar, raffle and ice cream available.

MUSBURY: Musbury Garden Club talk. Dr Don Archer, a former teacher and university lecturer with a background in industrial archaeology, landscaping and Victorian architecture will give an illustrated talk on the inspirational architect, gardener and entrepreneur - Sir Joseph Paxton. At Musbury Village hall, 7.30pm. Refreshments are served from 7pm. All welcome. Non-members £2.50.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit - 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

HAWKCHURCH: Tai Chi and a cuppa at Hawkchurch village hall from 2 to 3 pm then time for a cuppa and a chat. This is a brand new class starting Monday 13th November then every Monday afternoon. Gentle flowing exercises which include chi Kung. Great for balance, coordination and confidence building, suitable for all. Contact Maggi for more information on 01297 32095.

HOLDITCH: Whist Drive at 7.30pm at Holditch Village hall. £2 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

MUSBURY: >> Musbury Garden Club's second talk of their 8th season. Dr Don Archer, a former teacher and university lecturer with a background in industrial archaeology, landscaping and Victorian architecture will give an illustrated talk on the inspirational architect, gardener and entrepreneur - Sir Joseph Paxton. The talk will begin at 7.30pm in Musbury's village hall. Refreshments are served from 7pm. All welcome. Non-members £2.50.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14TH

AXMINSTER: Time for Tea and a Talk: David Warner speaks about the work of the British Legion. 2-3.30 pm Tickets £3 Bookings: 01404 831207 The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street, EX13 5AH.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

SEATON: Body Moves with Age UK Devon. Exercises for the over 50s at The Methodist Church 11.45 - 12.45. All welcome. Call 03332 412340 or email info@ageukdevon.co.uk for more info.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

AXMINSTER: Chair Yoga-size. Bradshaw Room, Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street (next to Heritage Centre) 10.30am-11.30am. For more details call 07976 312541.

COLYTON: Devonshire Association, Axe Valley Branch: at 2.30pm. An illustrated talk by Kate Ponting: "Clinton Devon Estates: Past, Present and Future". At the Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, Coly Road, Colyton EX24 5PU. Entrance donation £1 for DA members and £3 for non-members. Contact: Brian Denham 01297 551529 or brian_denham@talktalk.net.

ROUSDON: Combpyne Rousdon Social Club, Annual Turkey Bingsos, held at Peek Hall Rousdon. Half time hot dogs and pasties, tea coffee and bar. Doors open 7pm eyes down at 8pm. any queries, call 01297 443235 Come and have some bingo fun!
SEATON: Yoga with a Chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the

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waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details
SEATON: Call in for a cuppa and a chat with Age UK Devon Number One (1 Harepath Road). 9.30 - 12.30 noon. Wheelchair access available.

HONITON: Honiton U3A meeting. Speaker Peter Dare a Master Mason will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Devon, Brisbane and Back'. At The Beehive Centre, Dowell St. Doors open 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Members Free and Visitors welcome (suggested donation of £2.00) Further information: 01404 598008 or website: u3asites.org.uk/honiton

CREWKERNE: Bingo at the Henhayes Centre - 'eyes down' at 2.00pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games, cash prizes. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16TH

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Coffee Morning, 10am - mid-day. Bacon rolls, cake stall/bring & buy', including knitted items, fudge, preserves, produce etc, and a raffle. Proceeds to hall funds. More details from 01460 72769.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club members will be holding an in house Digitally Projected Image competition on the subjects of 'Texture'. Different perspectives' and an 'Open' image. Now that we are into dark evenings why not come along to one of the evening meetings of the club if you are in any way interested in cameras, iPhone cameras or any other form of cameras and photography in general. Further information can be found on www.chardcameraclub.org.uk or by calling Joyce on 01460 66885

CHARDSTOCK: Beginners Tai Chi and Chi Kung classes, 10.30am-11.30am at Chardstock Community Centre, every Thursday. For more details call 07951 402717.

ILMINSTER: Ilminster Thursdays Group weekly talks at the Warehouse Theatre TA19 9AD My Life as a Gardener by Kath Crouch. 9.15 for 10.15 Further details 01460 259596

BLACKDOWN: Whist Drive at 7.30pm at Blackdown Village hall. £2 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

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THURSDAY NOV 16TH - SATURDAY 18TH

BROADWAY: Broadway Amateur Theatrical Society perform Oliver. At the village hall. Doors open 6.45pm for curtain up 7.30pm each night. Plus matinee on Saturday, doors 1.15pm for 2pm. There is a licensed bar open before the performances and at intervals. Tickets are on sale at just £7 Adult and £4 youth (17 and under), from Horton Post Office, and on the door although prior booking is recommended as tickets always sell out fast. Further information is available from Christine Trueman on 07900 262720

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CREWKERNE: Special Lunch at Henhayes Centre. Roast Beef followed by Plum sponge. 12 for 12.30. £9 (Members £8). Please phone to book your place.

AXMINSTER: Spiritual Awareness Classes at Axminster Health and Wellbeing Centre. Beginners or advanced. Topics include energy fields, angel cards, and clairvoyance. 6.45-8pm. £3 per class, just turn up. For more details call 01460 221522.

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The Rollin' Stoned return to Seaton with a hit-packed show

ENDORSED by Keith Richards' mother, who enthusiastically described the band as "outstanding" and suitably fit "stand-ins for the Stones", "it was eerily like watching my dad" was the comment from his daughter, Angela, the Rollin' Stoned will make their welcome return to The Gateway, Seaton.

It is no surprise then to find The Rollin' Stoned lauded in the words of one *Times* reviewer – who claims to have seen them all – as "In my view the nearest thing to the real article". "About as true to the originals as you can get" raved another and "Just like the real thing" enthused rock star photographer Gered Mankowitz at his recent private view. So it's not just the thousands of enthusiastic fans who rate the Rollin' Stoned so highly, it is the people in

the know from the Stones inner circle.

The costumes are shamelessly camp gaudy and fab, the instruments genuinely vintage and the wit irreverent. However while the tongue is never far from the cheek with the Rollin' Stoned, it is never at the expense of the music.

This band is not to be confused with the grotesque parody on parody "Stella Street" Lite Stones bands that abound, nor a bunch of seasoned old pros opportunistically hitched on to the 'Tribute Bandwagon' for an easy ride. What clearly comes across when seeing this band at work is the passion they all have for the music. Their two hour shows include not only all the classic crowd pleasing hits, but are spiced with enough eclectic selections from the deeper recesses

of Stones Album archives to satisfy the most demanding of "Bufs", all performed with the same vibrantly authentic attack and raw energy that characterised the original Stones shows in their prime.

The Rollin' Stoned play at the Gateway, Seaton, on Saturday, November 18th at 8pm (doors open 7.30pm). Tickets are £13, or £16 on the door if still available.



■ Rollin' Stoned

Rising guitar phenomenon to play Exeter Phoenix gig

JOHN FAIRHURST is right at the forefront of the exciting new wave of British Blues and Rock.

Acoustic Guitar Magazine USA recently identified Fairhurst as one of the Top three Resonator guitar players worldwide - the only European on the list.

2017 has already been one hell of a year. Hailed as "the phenomenon known as the Wigan Jimi Hendrix" (Chris Tofu, MBE) and "possibly the finest guitarist you will ever see" (BBC Manchester), John is very pleased to announce this extensive UK tour of both

solo and full band shows.

Following numerous international club dates across five countries, over 25 UK festival shows including Glastonbury, Boomtown Fair, The Great British Blues Festival and Shambala, he will be showcasing a large amount of brand new material as well as some old favourites.

John has two new studio albums currently in production for release in 2018; a third solo LP and a new

heavy electric album with long term collaborators Toby Murray on Drums and Justin Kool on bass. He will again be working with his regular go-to producer Alex Beitzke (Prince, Ed Sheeran, Florence & the Machine, Nigel Kennedy) and producer Bradley Spence (Radiohead, Stereophonics, Iron Maiden, The Strypes, Kasabian).

This promises to be a long awaited follow up to his highly regarded 2014 breakthrough album, 'Saltwater.'



■ John Fairhurst

Support on the night comes from Spanish rock band Los Labios.

Los Labios hail from Seville in Spain, and features guitarist Charlie Cepeda and English/Australian vocalist Sammy Taylor. Charlie is a Spanish rock'n roll guitar hero and prestigious producer who has collaborated with Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders) and Jackson Browne, and Sammy has cut his teeth in the London scene and was known in bands like The Dealers and Sammy T and his tight trousers, among others.

John Fairhurst plays live at The Phoenix, Exeter on November 12th. For more details call 01392 667080 or visit the website at www.exeterphoenix.org.uk



■ Los Labios

DC's ultimate female heroine heads to Seaton

DC's GROUNDBREAKING big screen smash *Wonder Woman* will be shown at The Gateway, Seaton this Saturday, November 11th.

An Amazon princess (Gal Gadot) finds her idyllic life on an island occupied only by female warriors interrupted when a pilot (Chris Pine) crashlands nearby. After rescuing him, she learns that World War

I is engulfing the planet, and vows to use her superpowers to restore peace. Directed by Patty Jenkins (Monster).

Gal Gadot is an absolute revelation and Chris Pine delivers in a surprisingly satisfying and pivotal role. Charming, wonderful, and lovingly crafted, *Wonder Woman* pretty much has it all.

Wonder Woman is a 12A

certificate, with a runtime two hours and twenty minutes. Doors open 6.30pm for those who want to bring their own food, no drinks please as there is a licensed bar. For those who simply want to watch the film then show starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5, available from the box office on 01297 625699, or online tickets from bit.ly/2Adh6RJ

Bocelli's incredible Intimissimi screened live in Seaton

WITH OVER 80 million albums sold, Andrea Bocelli returns to cinemas to star in *Intimissimi*, a feature-length special event ice show where opera, pop music, figure skating and fashion combine. This breath-taking performance is produced and filmed at the iconic Arena Di Verona in Italy, with Creative Director Marco Balich (Emmy winner, Creative Director Rio Olympics 2016), and Director and Mise En Scene Damiano Michieletto (Olivier winner - Cavalleria rusticana Pagliacci at the Royal Opera House).

Intimissimi on Ice is back with "A Legend of Beauty": the ice show, which has been charming the Arena di Verona for seven consecutive years, will combine the greatest international ice skating champions and talents of the opera and pop scene, for one night of pure Italian fashion and style.

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medallists from all over the world, including Shizuka Arakawa, Stéphanie Lambiel, "the Tsar" Evgeni Plushenko, Meagan Duhamel, Eric Radford, Meryl Davis, and Charlie White.

The extraordinary presence of Andrea Bocelli will perform live during their performances, while costumes will be designed with the special contribution of Chiara Ferragni, the most renowned Italian fashion influencer.

Big news this year, for the first ever: the biggest open-air lyrical theatre in the world will freeze right in the middle, with a unique and incomparable 360° vision that will take your breath away!

The Gateway in Seaton will be screening the performance on Wednesday, November 29th at 7pm (doors open 6.30pm). Tickets are £12.50 in advance, or £15 on the door if still available. The show is approximately two hours long, and a licensed bar and refreshments are available.

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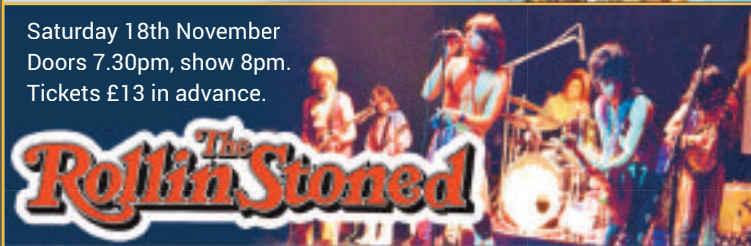
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Jurassic Mule open top tour bus owner bites back

■ AS THE operator of the now axed Jurassic Mule open top bus service, I feel I must take issue with the comments made in recent editions by Elinor Jameson and Pat Lowther.

Ms Jameson's complaint is the first to come to light from anybody at the West Dorset end of our Charmouth to Beer route, where support has been continually very strong, including from our enthusiastic friends at Lyme Regis Town Council.

However Ms Lowther was already known to me as the self-appointed leader of the campaign to rid Seaton Underfleet of my open top bus service.

Many of your readers will be aware that I created something of a national media storm when I withdrew our service early, mostly due to continual complaints from a small but very vocal minority in Seaton and Colyton.

Those that heard me on the BBC Radio 2 Jeremy Vine Show will no doubt recall that total support was forthcoming from both Jeremy himself and every single phone in contributor.

I have never tried to disguise the fact that our heritage open top buses, all built during the 1970s, do not comply with modern bus green emission standards, such as would be needed to run in London.

However each one of the five

operated this past season passed exactly the same level of annual testing as a normal modern bus, including emissions, and at four different test stations.

So perhaps, rather than just selecting my buses for criticism, both ladies should be campaigning for a lower emission level as the test pass standard?

These buses are exactly as they were built. I have worked with their type since the day I left school in 1970.

EXPECTATIONS HAVE CHANGED

It is the world and our expectations that have moved forward.

Ms Jameson implies she has followed one of my buses in a car – "with fumes pouring in" – for 30 minutes from her home in Sidmouth Road, Lyme Regis to Seaton. How can this be?

The running time of our service from those two points is only 20 minutes, and all my drivers were instructed to pull in at Rousdon to allow traffic past.

She also says "try standing behind an open top bus for three minutes".

Why would you? Even if the fumes were troubling then surely you would just step a few yards further away?

Lots of things annoy me as I go about my life, but I simply take slight avoiding action to minimise them. I don't have to write to the newspaper

about them.

I do take offence at Ms Jameson's comment that I have helped turn Lyme Regis into a "circus town".

This to me is an implication that she considers herself superior to the type of people that my open top buses attract, and possibly even myself and my friendly driving team.

Not everyone wants to attend a fossil study lecture whilst in town, as interesting as that may be.

Some people, especially families, perhaps want a more carefree experience and what better than a good 'blow' on the top deck of one of my buses?

What gives this lady the right to sit in judgement of this type of holidaymaker?

After all, when I last checked, Lyme Regis was a South Coast seaside resort, and open top bus rides have traditionally accompanied trips to the seaside!

Just look at the traffic congestion in Lyme? Possibly it is high time that Ms Jameson was campaigning for more tourist buses serving the town, rather than less, and more restrictions put on visiting cars.

For instance one of our buses running full can save perhaps 25 car movements both in and out and, of course, the invisible fumes from those 25 cars.

Even Sidmouth Road, where

this lady lives, is often clogged with visitors' cars parked half on and half off the pavement, thus restricting it to single file on a partially blind bend. I wonder if she similarly complains about that issue?

Ms Jameson compares Seaton in a more favourable light to her home town, saying that most people now head to the former.

I am not getting involved in inter town rivalry here but, from my own statistics, about 85 per cent of every single passenger we carry (and often we carried full upper decks of happy holidaymakers) chooses to visit Lyme Regis for between one and five hours, with the associated spend that offers the traders in the town, so that seems to indicate that she may be in a minority.

This brings me on to the issues that Ms Lowther, who gives her residence at Haven Court, the retirement apartments alongside Seaton Underfleet coach park, raises.

Firstly she suggests that everything had been fine until I came along with my open top service.

Many sources tell me that this is untrue and that there have been many complaints from Haven Court over the years, to the extent that we have uncovered two coach operators who advise their tour drivers to miss Seaton from their itineraries.

Reliable whispers tell me that the latest target for complaints has been the modern coach operating the winter long tramway replacement shuttle service.

Ms Lowther's claim that my buses were left with engines running in the coach park outside her apartments is simply untrue, with two known exceptions; the first being the three minutes it often takes to build up the air pressure to release the 'fail safe' braking systems (if the bus has been stood for some time), and secondly, a single instance when I personally was swapping a disabled bus, and wished to inconvenience the passengers to a minimum, when a total timespan of four minutes was involved.

I must seriously take issue with Ms Lowther's claim that I drew up outside her home with a "crowd of jeering passengers" who "hurled abuse" at the "old and frail" residents who were "terrified".

This is a total distortion of the truth and well the good lady knows it.

She obviously refers here to our end of season free trip afternoon, which raised £189 for the local branch of the RNLI.

Of course we had to pass the apartments to negotiate in and out of the corner coach bay that we used and, true, the passengers were in high spirits.

Some had seen these trips as an opportunity to exercise their right to protest and, absolutely not instigated by me, had made placards.

There was no personal abuse whatsoever, only chants of things such as "Save Our Mule".



■ Mendip Mule boss Derek Gawn

Nobody was even seen in the apartments, except two friendly ladies waving happily from an end balcony, and most certainly nobody was seen to be terrified.

Nearly a 100 passengers were carried that afternoon, including the town mayor, who can testify this as the truth.

I must add a fact that Ms Lowther has forgotten to mention, namely that she spent the whole season also complaining about my buses – and ONLY my buses – using the Seaton Underfleet bus stop, as well as her separate issues over our use of the coach park.

Also, residents of Haven Court chose to complain about me loaning two buses to Seaton Carnival Committee, completely free of charge, to enable them to sell grandstand seats for the procession to help swell their local good causes collection, claiming they were blocking their views.

Having said all of this, Jurassic Mule is now a thing of the past.

We are gone from the area and the first of my buses has been sold only this week, with 'Eric', the rare single deck open top, to follow.

'FINALLY HAD ENOUGH'

After 47 years spent in the tourist transport industry I had finally had enough of the complainers by early September and pulled the plug.

Since that day I have spent endless hours wondering why a tiny minority have to try and inflict their self centred wishes on the vast majority.

We recently did a tot up on social media and the support rate for our service came in at 99.4 per cent, with 1,507 comments in favour, as to just nine against.

I would like to finish by telling both ladies, and other people interested, a few facts.

I started Mendip Mule in 2014 with a little 'nest egg' sum.

I am not a wealthy man. Just a regular working guy who spent his whole working life in this industry.

I fancied finishing my career with something I would enjoy doing, that hopefully would bring pleasure to others, and create a little employment.

I intended to work until I was 67 in early 2020 and then pass the reins to somebody who I could have mentored to

carry it on.

Since starting I have built up the most incredible team of totally loyal and friendly like minded staff, who gathered much praise from the public.

It was like a happy little family, working in a lovely area, enjoying ourselves and giving people a nice day out at the same time.

However it has taken these three years to build the business up, especially as the 2015 and 2017 seasons were badly weather hit.

Because of this I have not been able to draw any form of salary for the huge hours involved, take any profit or dividend, nothing.

In fact it has cost me thousands of my own savings to keep it afloat, as these old buses are expensive items to keep on the road.

That didn't matter though. I was happy. My team were happy. The passengers were happy. We thought the residents were happy that we had brought a little 'colour' to the area.

Then it all kicked off earlier this season. It felt like being punched in the stomach. None of the complainers would see reason. There was no explaining to them. It felt like they were hell bent on getting us gone.

It still does to be honest, although I now realise it is a tiny minority. What do they truly want?

Do they not realise that to replace our heritage fleet with modern green emission buses would cost a huge sum of money that the route could never recoup in four month weather dependent seasons, unless I more than doubled the fares, and then probably only half as many will ride – and possibly the complainers would still find something to moan about the newer buses?

I guess the crunch question is, do the people of this stretch of the Jurassic Coast truly want an open top tourist bus service?

Are the visitors it brings needed? Do all the councils really want it? Are they prepared to move heaven and earth to bring it back?

Personally, at my age, all logic tells me to keep walking away from it. My accountant certainly says that.

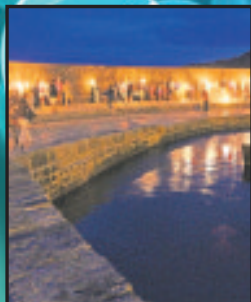
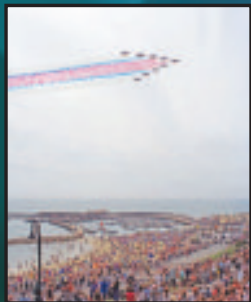
I honestly, after this season, can take it or leave it. However, if I could truly be convinced that this horrible chapter could be put behind us, and we could get back to all pulling together for a common aim, then I might just reconsider, although there would now be a huge amount of hurdles to jump to return it – and, in truth, do I want to risk all this hassle again for no salary?

Really, it's down to you folks to make your views felt to your councillors and the like, and especially for Seaton Town Council to have the courage to stick its head above the parapet and say who it really supports.

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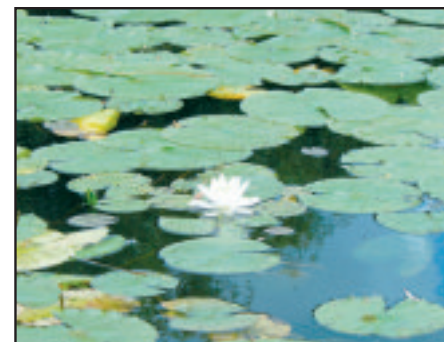
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The new Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio

The Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio, the first Quadrifoglio SUV, is set to become the new benchmark in the premium compact SUV segment.

With its awe-inspiring design, performance and technology, the Stelvio Quadrifoglio is the "fastest SUV around the circuit", having clocked the new record for its class on the iconic Nürburgring: 7 minutes 51.7 seconds.

510hp 2.9-litre V6 Bi-Turbo petrol engine

The Stelvio Quadrifoglio is equipped with the exclusive aluminium 2.9-litre V6 Bi-Turbo petrol engine, developed with inputs and engineering know-how from Ferrari technologies. It delivers maximum power of 510hp at 6,500rpm and generates a maximum torque of 600Nm from 2,500 to 5,000rpm and is teamed with the specifically calibrated eight-speed automatic transmission, that shifts gear in just 150 milliseconds in

Race mode. The Stelvio Quadrifoglio can accelerate from zero to 62mph in just 3.8 seconds, and on to a best-in-class top speed of 176mph.

The Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio is also incredibly efficient in terms of emissions and fuel consumption, thanks to its electronically controlled cylinder deactivation system and the "sailing" function, available in Advanced Efficiency mode. To maximise the driving experience, Stelvio Quadrifoglio is also equipped as standard with one-piece aluminium paddle shifters, integrated into the steering column.

Innovative Q4 all-wheel drive

For the first time, the 510hp 2.9 V6 Bi-Turbo petrol engine is combined with the innovative Q4 all-wheel drive system, which offers a potent combination of unbeatable performance, traction, driving pleasure and safety in all situations. In normal conditions, the Q4 system transfers

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Unique design

The design of the Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio is inspired by the idea of "necessary beauty", as the perfect synergy of form and function is even more extreme in this high-performance SUV. Style and design are not merely aesthetic considerations but also support crucial factors including aerodynamics, speed, power and handling. Mirroring the performance, in Quadrifoglio guise everything is raised to new heights and has an even greater visual impact.

The finest expression of Italian design, the interior of the Stelvio Quadrifoglio has been tailored like a bespoke suit with painstaking craftsmanship and use of premium materi-

als, including carbon fibre, leather and Alcantara.

The Stelvio Quadrifoglio will arrive in the UK in summer 2018, with pricing and specification to be confirmed

nearer the time. To find out more about the Alfa Romeo range, visit www.alfaromeo.co.uk or to locate your nearest Alfa Romeo dealer visit www.alfaromeo.co.uk/find-a-dealer.



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Introducing the most sophisticated and refined Abarth ever built, and the return of the revered 'spider' badge

ABARTH UK will mark its first appearance at Salon QP as Automobile Partner with displays of the limited edition 695 Riva – the result of a collaboration with luxury yacht builder Riva – and the stunning two-seater roadster, the 124 spider.

Salon QP runs from 2-4 November, with Abarth's finest nestled among many exquisite timepieces from around 70 of the world's leading watchmakers at the Saatchi Gallery, London.

Abarth 695 Riva

Riva's successes in the twenties and thirties and Abarth's in the fifties and sixties were the foundations upon which these Italian icons were built. The limited edition Abarth 695 Riva, making its debut appearance in the UK, is where these two legends of style, performance and craftsmanship come together to create the most sophisticated and refined Abarth ever built.

Exclusive styling features and premium materials pay tribute to the elegance and character of the new open '56 Riva' luxury yacht, with the trademark Riva two-tone Sera Blue and Shark Grey colour scheme with Aquamarine double-stripe beauty line representing a thin line of sea on

the horizon. Blue leather interior and optional mahogany finish to the dashboard, steering wheel and gear lever, satin chrome finish to the door handles and tailgate, and optional hand-written name plate fitted with the same screws used on a Riva yacht, complete this unique collaboration.

The Akrapović exhaust system with carbon tailpipes, Brembo brakes with black callipers and grey 17-inch Supersport wheels go on to underline the stunning performance and driving characteristics which Abarth brings to this party. The 180hp Multi-Air engine promises a top speed of 139mph and acceleration from 0-62mph in just 6.7 seconds, with a power to weight ratio matching that of a supercar.

Inside, the exclusive instrument panel and Uconnect 7-inch HD touch screen infotainment system brings the latest in onboard technology – Apple CarPlay and Android Auto ready – with navigation and touch or voice controlled operation.

Abarth 124 spider

Taking up its position next to the 695 Riva will be the Abarth 124 spider – marking the return of the iconic and revered 'spider' badge – the nat-

ural heir to the original launched in 1972. This two-seater roadster embodies everything for which the Abarth marque is famed – performance, styling and advanced equipment – with each wearing its own metal plaque etched with a unique number to underline its exclusivity.

Sporting a powerful 1.4-litre 170hp engine, the 124 spider is a real driver's car, with the snug low seating position making you feel at one with the road, and at one with the car. Thrilling performance is ensured with a top speed of 142mph, with optimum weight distribution and racing suspension bringing precise and agile handling. To feed the senses further the Record Monza exhaust as standard delivers the all-important signature Abarth sound.

Developed with the Abarth Racing team, styling is unmistakably Italian, with the trademark matt black bonnet a reference to the classic Abarth 124 Rally, which sported a matt finish to prevent the driver being dazzled by the sun. Available in two pastel and three metallic colours, each name pays homage to one of Abarth's prestigious rally wins – for example the San Marino 1972 Black.

Equally at home on urban roads as well as race tracks, the new Abarth 124 spider is attracting a new generation of enthusiasts with its performance, technology, comfort and ease of driving. The car combines the authentic roadster experience with thrills, technology, safety and unmistakable Italian design.

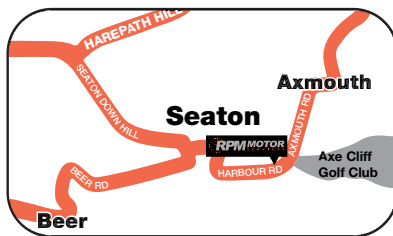
Inside the 124 spider, the Abarth DNA is confirmed with an absolute focus on perfect ergonomics, with leather seats designed to be both com-

fortable and in the optimum driving position – low and retracted to perceive side movements. The controls are perfectly in line with the sporty set-up of the car, with the position of the aluminium pedal board, vertical steering wheel and short gear stick ensuring a fully-engaged driving experience.

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E.ON launches new 'Freedom is Electric' campaign, promoting European charging point expansion

THE WORLD'S only fully electric monster truck, a 200mph EV super-bike and an all-electric 240mph zero emissions supercar prototype have all been brought together in a new film by energy provider E.ON.

The 'Freedom is Electric' campaign (www.eon.com/freedomiselectric) highlights the diversity of the world of electric vehicles, charged using E.ON's fast-charging technology, which will be available in thousands of locations across Europe.

The ultra-fast charging network, offering 150 kW of charging power with a modular upgrade option to 350 kW, will enable charging of a full 400 kilometres range battery in only 20-30 minutes. E.ON is targeting 10,000 charging points throughout Europe by 2020.

In the UK E.ON has already launched a new tariff for electric and hybrid vehicle owners which offers customers access to a competitive day rate, and a night rate priced 33% below the day rate for use when many electric and hybrid car owners will choose to charge their vehicle.

Set against a barren desert landscape, the film, entitled 'Freedom is

Electric', features a range of cars and bikes traditionally perceived to be gas guzzling machines. In reality these are both converted and new-concept electric vehicles, developed by individuals or small companies with a real passion for zero emissions technology.

For the film it wasn't just electric in front of the camera – all the filming equipment, camera rigs and drones used in the shoot were electrically powered to promote the versatility and ability of electric vehicles.

One of those vehicles is Bigfoot #20, the world's first all-electric monster truck, which is powered by 30 separate batteries totalling 360 volts. An additional six batteries power the brakes and steering systems.

Also running in the desert is the Tachyon Speed by Raesr, an electric hyper-car prototype developed from the ground up for the ultimate in road and track performance. This was the first outing for the carbon fibre car which carries 1,250+ bhp, 3,650 lbs-ft of torque and estimated performance figures of 0-60 in less than 3 seconds, 0-120 in under 7 seconds and a top speed of 240+ mph.

The film is part of E.ON's new global campaign which reflects its intent to deliver innovative customer solutions that help create a better tomorrow. E.ON's electric vehicle charging infrastructure is part of a range of innovative new solutions for customers including solar and battery storage technology, smart appliances and intelligent homes.

Anthony Ainsworth, Global Head of Marketing at E.ON, said: "By bringing together these amazing vehicles and their equally passionate and inspiring owners we wanted to help people to reconsider what they think they know about electric vehicles, how they view energy and what they think about E.ON and its moves to be a force for change in energy."

"Our aim is clear, to remove the perceived barriers of electric vehicles to really help improve the electric future for our customers. We are doing this by developing a growing network of charging points throughout Europe; whether at home, at work or on the go, from the city to the mountains. We are investing in superfast charging technology including the first superfast

charging station in Germany, being installed later this year, meaning EV becomes easy and drivers can get back on the road quicker than ever before."

E.ON has invested significantly in electric vehicle technology, including expanding its network of charging points across Europe and investing in superfast charging stations, in

order to remove barriers to the widespread use of electric vehicles.

For behind the scenes footage around the creation of the 'Freedom is Electric' film and interviews introducing the vehicle owners and their stories called 'Meet the Voltheads' and E.ON's Europe-wide charging network visit eon.com/freedomiselectric.



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Toolstation D1	Pld	GD	Pts
Westbury Utd	16	23	32
Cheddar	17	10	31
Welton Rovers	17	17	30
Keynsham	15	15	29
Oldland Abbots	15	12	27
Radstock	15	9	27
Bristol Telephones	14	11	26
Devizes Town	17	6	26
Wincanton Town	16	-2	26
Roman Glass SG	14	15	24
Almondsbury	19	-4	23
Bishop Sutton	15	-2	21
Chippenharn Park	18	-12	21
CHARD TOWN	17	-5	19
Bishops Lydeard	15	-7	19
Corsham Town	16	-8	19
Warminster	17	-3	18
Malmesbury Vic	13	-7	16
Ash & Backwell	16	-8	16
Calne Town	15	-15	16
Sherborne Town	16	-18	11
Portishead	17	-27	11

Somerset Prem	Pld	GD	Pts
Chilcompton Sp	11	29	30
Clevedon Utd	13	13	25
Nailsea & Tickn	11	23	23
Watchet Town	10	17	21
Middlezey Rov	13	5	20
Fry Club	12	1	19
Shirehampton	11	6	16
Nailsea Utd	13	-1	16
ILMINSTER TN	12	-3	16
Wrington Redhill	11	-6	15
Bridgwater Res	13	-8	13*
Clutton	10	-7	12
Stockwood Green	11	1	11
Odd Down Res	15	23	10
Stockwood Wand	13	-6	9
Staplegrave	13	-12	9*
Wells City	14	-29	8

Somerset D1W	Pld	GD	Pts
Somerton Town	10	32	25
Uphill Castle	12	22	25
Portishead Res	13	12	25
Nail & Tick' Res	13	6	25
Burnham Utd	11	23	24
Worle	10	27	23
Glastonbury	12	11	21
Winscombe	11	7	18
Yatton & Cleve	12	15	18
Berrow & Highb	11	1	15
Street Res	11	5	13
Ash & Backwell Res	12	-13	12
Minehead AFC	9	1	11
Weston St Johns	10	-21	9
Clevedon Utd Res	12	-31	6
COMBE ST NIC	10	-30	4
Congresbury	11	-57	1

D&E Div 1 (26)	Pld	GD	Pts
Lapford	8	23	19
Exeter Univ Res	8	12	18
Lyme Regis	9	12	17
Cullumpton Res	9	6	13
Chagford	8	4	13
Colyton	4	10	10
Perry Street	5	8	9
Sidmouth Res	5	3	9
Bickleigh	6	2	9
Chard Town Res	8	-16	9
Heavitree Res	8	-12	9
Alphington Res	9	-20	6
Wellington Res	10	-19	5
Dawlish Utd	5	-15	1

D&E Div 5 (26)	Pld	GD	Pts
Lyme Regis Res	8	14	19
Culm Utd	9	14	15
Halwells	6	5	13
Hemyock	5	5	12
Black Swan Town	5	14	10
Millwery Rise	6	13	10
Ilminster Res	9	3	10*
Exwick Village	5	1	10
Central FC	6	0	8
Elmore Res	2	11	6
Dunkeswell Rov	3	5	6
Westex Park	7	-14	4
Awilcombe	7	-14	4
Offwell Rangers	7	-45	0

P St Prem (20)	Pld	GD	Pts
Merriott Rovers	5	14	15
South Petherton	6	11	15
Barrington	4	13	10
Shepton Beau	5	5	9
Chard Utd	5	5	9
Winsham Utd	7	2	9
W & M Chinnock	4	9	7
Misterton	5	-6	6
Netherbury	5	-13	3
Pymore	4	-19	0
Combe Res	5	-28	0

P Street D1 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Halstock	5	20	13
Ilminster Colts	6	1	10
Forton Rangers	3	3	9
Farway Utd	5	0	8
Waytown Hounds	5	0	7
Shepton Beau Res	4	0	4
Uplyme	3	-3	4
Hawthorn Utd	4	-4	4
Chard Rangers	4	-5	1
Perry Street Res	5	-12	1

Perry St D2 (20)	Pld	GD	Pts
Forton Res	7	20	19
Charmouth	7	9	16
Thorncombe	6	13	14
Misterton Res	6	10	13
Crewkerne Rang	4	3	8
Dowlish & Don	6	-4	7
Chard Utd Res	5	-3	4
Kingsbury	6	-5	4
Combe A	4	-15	3
S.Petherton Res	5	-7	0
Winsham Utd Res	6	-21	0

Perry St D3 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Ilminster Town A	8	21	21
Donyatt Utd	8	14	19
Merriott Dynamos	6	7	15
Netherbury Res	8	8	9
Crew Rang Res	6	2	9
Farway Utd Res	6	-1	9
Thorncombe Res	8	-4	9
Lyme Rovers	4	-11	7
Chard Rangers Res	8	-24	6
Chard Utd AS	8	-24	0

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Wily Worle claim young Blues' scalp

Barrington batter Saints ♦ Goal hungry Merriott in semi's

Saturday, November 4th
CHARD TOWN 1 KEYNSHAM TOWN 1
 Toolstation Div One - att; 82

AN Alex Stafie goal ten minutes before half time saw Chard Town recover from conceding in the third minute and earn a point from the visit of Keynsham Town on Saturday.

The high flying Keys took the lead when Cam Shorney netted with a 20-yard free kick that flew in off the inside off an upright.

But the Robins responded and when Max Westlake chested a high ball into the path of top scorer Stafie and he smashed the ball home for his eighth goal of the season.

Next up for Chard, now 14th in the table, is Wednesday's visit by Premier division outfit WELLINGTON TOWN for a Somerset Premier Cup round two clash (7.30pm) followed by a first ever league visit by BRISTOL TELEPHONES next Saturday (3pm.)

Chard Town: Jon Hill, Ollie Pearson, Ben Haines, Kieran Bailey, Andy Holmes, Luke Jackson (Brad Miles 80), Matt Howell, Jack Dicker, Max Westlake, Alex Stafie (Steve Friend 89), James Boyland.

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

EXETER UNI RES 3 CHARD TOWN RES 1
 A LATE Jay Stewart penalty was all Chard Town Reserves had to show for their efforts on the wide open spaces of the campus ground down in Exeter.

"It was fairly equal first half but they [Uni] took their chances and led 2-0," said Chard boss Ivor Hutchings.

The Students added a third five minutes after the turnaround and there was no way back for the Robins.

PERRY STREET 4 ALPHINGTON RES 0
 THREE first half goals put Perry Street firmly on the road to three points at Tatworth.

Billy Sheahan opened the scoring early on after cutting inside his marker and firing into the top corner.

The lead was doubled in the 20th minute when the impressive Alphas' keeper could only parry a Sam Rowsell free kick and Luke Finn tucked away the rebound.

Callum MacHattie made it 3-0 before the break with a fine curling shot.

The scoring was rounded off a minute after the turnaround when a visiting defender turned a Sheahan cross into his own net under pressure from Rowsell.

Street are in Somerset Junior cup last 16 action next weekend when they entertain Middlezey Rovers Reserves.

Down in Division Five Ilminster Reserves went down 3-1 at Halwill Reserves.

Next Weekend's fixtures (all 2.15pm) - Div 1: Lapford V Chard Town Res, Div 5: Ilminster Res v Dunkeswell Rovers.

ILMINSTER TOWN 1 WORLE FC 3

Somerset Senior Cup - Last 16
 THE experienced Worle line-up,

going well in the Western Division One, started well but Ilminster went close when Luke Paul had a run down the right and got in a great cross that a stretching Charlie Rutter put just over the bar.

From a corner Jon May showed great control when he brought down a high ball and got in a shot that the keeper turned away for another corner.

Ilminster were well on top and took the lead when a long goal kick from Chris May was headed on by Rutter and Taylor Jefferson showing good pace got in behind the defence to finish in style for his fifth goal of the season.

Worle rallied and dominated the last 15 minutes of the half and equalised when a long throw was flicked on and headed home.

The second half was evenly contested but Worle got their noses in front and added a third when keeper May was caught in no mans land and beaten by a shot from all of 30 yards.

Ilminster Secretary Andy Fish said: "In all fairness Worle deserved their win, they were far more experienced and stronger than our youngsters who will learn from the experience."

Ilminster will be boosted by the news that Chris Neziyana is returning to fitness and should be back at the end of the month.

Ilminster make the short trip to Staplegrave in the Somerset County Premier/Division one League Cup (3pm ko) on Saturday.

Ilminster: Chris May, Luke Paul, Karl Davis, Jon May, Doug Whitfield, Jack Male, Andre Anjos, Ben Pitman, Brad Pitman, Taylor Jefferson, Charlie Rutter. Subs used: Tom Sullivan, Charlie Berrington, Adam Male.

WINSCOMBE 5 COMBE ST NICHOLAS 0

Division One (West)
 COMBE failed to build on last week's fine victory and remain in the bottom two after a defeat at midtable Winscombe.

The Saints are on the road next Saturday with a trip to face Nailsea & Tickenham Res. (2.30pm).

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

DORSET JUNIOR CUP R1 (32)
 CHARMOUTH cruised through to the last 16 with a 7-0 demolition of Weymouth-based BC Sports. Dan Rendell led the way with a hat-trick.

Thorncombe are also through after Alex Clist and Liam Whitworth scored in a 2-1 win over Bradford Abbas of the Yeovil & District League Division One.

Charmouth's reward is a last 16 tie at home against Poole Borough reserves while the Thorns head off to take on AFC Blandford Reserves.

CORONATION CUP QF

EIGHT time winners Merriott Rovers look a good bet to make it nine after crushing Pymore 8-1.

The West Dorset side took the lead through Richard Legg but Rovers equalised before half time and went up through the gears in the second period. Jamie Spurdle netted a hat trick, Adam Dawe



■ THE ROBINS: Chard Town who will be looking to move up into a place in the top half of the Toolstation Western League table. Line-up, standing, from left: Stuart Parris, Ryan Mason, Andrew Holmes, Kieran Bailey, Jon Hill, Taufik Ben Salem (Capt), Jack Dicker, Nick Jacobs (now Sherborne Town), Luke Jackson, Matt Howell, Alex Stafie, Pete Watts (Assistant manager). Front: James Boyland, Liam Cleal, Ben Haines, Paul Down (Manager), Lynsey Gage (Chairman), Roy Lock (Director), Max Westlake, Steve Friend.

scored twice and there were singles from Jamie Laver, Liam Riste and Jake Pippard.

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP R2 (2pm)
GOALS from Luke Knight and Adam Payne saw Dowlish & Donyatt book their place in the next round with a 2-1 win at Division Two colleagues Winsham United Reserves whose Brad Masters grabbed the consolation.

Over at Jocelyn Park a Jamie Cox solo strike had Chard Utd Reserves level at 1-1 at half time against Division One side Waytown Hounds. Adam Cody-Boucher scored for the Hounds with a superb header.

But form told in the end and the Dorset side went through courtesy of two goals from corners in the second half from sub Ethan Guppy and Jon Legg.

The match between Lyme Rovers and Crewkerne Rangers was postponed with the Woodroffe School pitch once again unplayable.

JACK VENN CUP R1

MISTERTON Reserves were gifted a home quarter final against Thorncombe when struggling Combe A once again failed to raise a side.

PREMIER

BARRINGTON were the day's top scorers as they demolished Combe Reserves 11-1. It was 4-0 at half time and things got worse for the Saints who had a player sent off.

George Hayward (2), Andy Whitefield (3), Ash Lock, Simon Cherry (2), Tom Butler, Carl Lazenby and Guy Dare scored for the Yellow Hammers who are now unbeaten in 16 league matches. Oli Hines netted for Combe.

Shepton Beauchamp began life without former player-manager and influential centre back Doug Whitfield who is off to try his hand up in the Somerset league Premier Division with Ilminster Town with a 3-2 home defeat at the hands of Misterton. Stu Weston (2) and Mike McCormack netted for the visitors with Richard Crabb scoring both for Shepton.

South Petherton are still in second spot after a 4-1 win over

Chard United at Lightgate Lane.

A Jody Bovey strike had Pethy in front at the interval and further goals from Dave Smith (2) and Bovey again made it 4-0 before Chard grabbed a late consolation through Scott Miller.

DIVISION ONE

LEADERS Halstock made it ten games unbeaten with a 7-1 win over Perry Street in a match that was switched to Misterton.

Mark Whitmarsh (2), Chris Tanner (2), Mark Cawley, James Parrott and Jordan Turner scored for Halstock with Dale Hutter replying.

Meanwhile, Ilminster Town Colts' nine-game unbeaten league record came to an end in a 2-1 reverse at Forton Rangers. John Simmons put Forton ahead only for Jake Woodard to equalise before half time with a fine 20-yarder.

The match was in the balance before a slip by Ilminster Captain Ryan Mustchin, against his old club, allowed Jake Caulcroft the race through and fire home the winner.

Hawthorn Utd secured their first home point of the season with a 1-1 draw with Shepton Reserves. Shepton led early on through Jack Lyons and things got worse for teh Hawks when Tom Chubb was sent off for the second time this season.

But they leveled near end through new signing Chris Watson.

DIVISION TWO

UNBEATEN Forton Reserves remain in top spot after a 3-1 win at Kingsbury.

Forton took the lead in the fifth minute through Brandon Webb and dominated the opening 45 only for the hosts the equalise from a Dan Neate penalty just before the interval.

Rangers regained the lead when Eddie James latched on to a fine through ball from Jake Hannis and lobbed the keeper.

The points were secured when Will Hall netted from 16 yards after a neat flick on from James.

DIVISION THREE

DONYATT Utd closed the gap on

leaders Ilminster A with a 6-0 win over lowly Chard Rangers Reserves. Darren Dabinett (2), Louis Roper (2), Toby Symes and Adam Tovey scored for Donyatt.

Netherbury Reserves made it back to back wins with a 3-1 win at pointless Chard United All Stars thanks to goals from Ash Williams, Steve Symonds and Alfie Norman with George Dampier scoring a fine solo effort for Chard.

Recent PSDL transfers:

Jamie Brown (Perry Street to Chard Utd), Ben Butler (Thorncombe to Chard Rangers), Kev Cavanagh (Thorncombe to Chard Rangers), Adam Dawe (Barrington to Merriott Rovers), Jamie Fletcher (Combe to Forton), Lee Holt to Merriott Rovers to Crewkerne Rangers), Ross Jewell (Drimpton to Merriott Dyn), Steve Quirke (Crewkerne Rangers to Ilminster), Brandon Webb (Combe to Forton), Craig Whittingham (Chard Rangers to Winsham Utd), Tom Woodhouse (Thorncombe to Chard Rangers).

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

FIXTURES

Saturday, November 11th
SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP R3 (2pm)
 Templecombe Rov v Merriott Rovers
 Marlock Utd v South Petherton

DORSET MINOR CUP R1 (last 16)

Puddletown FC v Lyme Regis Rovers
 Lytchett & Upton v Thorncombe Res

PREMIER

Combe Reserves v Netherbury
 Pymore v West & Middle Chinnock
 Shepton Beauchamp v Barrington
 Winsham Utd v Chard Utd

DIVISION ONE

Halstock v Shepton Beau Reserves
 Ilminster Colts v Perry Street Reserves
 Uplyme v Forton Rangers
 Waytown Hounds v Chard Rangers

DIVISION TWO

Chard Utd Res v Charmouth
 Forton Res v Crewkerne Rangers
 Kingsbury v Winsham Utd Reserves
 S.Petherton Res v Dowlish & Donyatt

DIVISION THREE

Chard Rans Res v Crewk Rangers Res
 Farway Utd Res v Chard Utd AS
 Merriott Dynamos v Netherbury Res

tee off golf news

Armitage consistency rewarded

CRICKET ST THOMAS

with Bert Robinson

A NEAR full house of 48 members of the senior section entered a three man Texas scramble last Monday.

Result: 1st Keith Potter; Ron Miller & Paul Prendergast 59.80, 2nd George Wallace; John Pearce & Paul England 62.60, 3rd Mike Hone; Ian Fielder & Chris Basterfield 62.80.

Meanwhile, 16 members travelled to Minehead to enter their Senior Stags Challenge. The two teams recorded some good scores but finished outside the top three places.

On Wednesday 44 Seniors played a 4 Ball Better Ball competition in pleasant conditions.

Result: 1st Mike Hone & Bert Robinson 41pts, 2nd Roger Stone & Martin Bargery 41, 3rd Nick Gabb & Peter Spencer-Farr 40.

Thick mist greeted the 40 Seniors on Friday. But, after a delayed start, a Canadian Greensome competition was played.

Result: 1. John Pearce & Danny Dowell 41pts, 2nd Bob White & George Wallace 41, 3rd Chris Basterfield & Terry Hackling 38.

HONITON with Ann Desmoulin

THE weather was ideal for the Tuesday Mixed monthly drawn greensomes with 28 players taking part.

First place was taken by Vera Richardson & Bob Barnes with 40 points.

They were well clear of second placed Vicki Rogers & Max Pipe with 36, edging Liz Wood & Jason Gosling into third place on count-back. Fourth prize was taken by Steph Barnes & Cyril Dann (34).

The Ladies played their monthly medal on a lovely sunny Day with all greens in play and one temporary tee.

The competition also served as

the first round of the Winter Eccletic.

As usual the greens were disconcertingly fast in contrast to the fairways, making scoring difficult.

Results (Silver division) 1st was Jackie Seager nett 79, 2nd Olwen Eaton (81), 3rd Vicky Rogers (84).

Bronze One - 1st Elizabeth Rogers (80), 2nd Stephani Barnes (81), 3rd Chris Lutman (81). Bronze Two - Cathy Pawley (81), 2nd Danusia White (85). The nine-hole competition was won by Sharon Rouse with 16 points, 2nd Andrea Squire (15).

There was a large turnout of Seniors on Friday for the Captain's Prize Day - Stableford with teams of four with two scores to count.

Tom Stanton, George Smith, Peter Clarke & Tony Proudfoot took first place with 82 points.

Other prize winners: 2nd - Peter Stubbington, Christ Street & Nick Mitchell (80), 3rd - Nigel Broadbent, Mike Sennitt, David Scott & Ashley Murray (80), 4th - David Morris, Dave Anderson, Eric Short & Mike Jones (79), 5th - John Frith, Phil Donne-Davis, Larry Goodcliffe & George Blake (76).

Six players carded twos and each won 8 balls.

Rod Armitage was presented with the Centenary Salver by Captain Mike Sennitt for the best cumulative net score in medal competitions throughout the summer.

AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

THE Ladies section played a fun competition for Children in Need in groups of three with two scores to count but, the lady Captain predetermined the holes where the scores did not count.

The winners were Jo Donmall, Barbara Cummings & Margaret Kenchington, just ahead of Caroline Bond, Stella Thompson & Helen Gaudie.

rugby chard

Depleted Chard edged out

Sidmouth 25 Chard 24

Western Counties West

CHARD managed to get two points from this game by scoring four tries and getting a losing bonus point, but in truth they will be wondering how they managed to lose this game against their lowly hosts.

Crucially, however Chard went into this game without a recognised kicker which in the final analysis of this would arguably be the deciding factor.

Chard were slow to settle and Sidmouth deservedly took the lead with a try in the corner which was converted superbly by the excellent boot of Dan Retter.

Chard's forwards started to dominate proceedings and scrum half Ross Colenso darted under the posts but the conversion was missed. Within minutes, Sidmouth increased their lead with a Retter penalty from the half way line.

The Chard forwards continued to dominate and it was no real surprise when the referee awarded them a penalty try with a quarter of the match played which put Chard in the lead for the first time at 12-10.

Sidmouth then lost a player to the bin and two yellow cards meant that Chard would be playing against 14 for a quarter of the game.

But Chard, not for the first time this season, were giving away a lot of penalties and from one of these Retter added another three points to put Sidmouth ahead 13-12.

Sidmouth scored a second try following a quick tap penalty with Chard slow to react.

Well into first half injury time Chard got themselves back in front 19-18 when Matt Tinley crossed for their third try which was converted by Emile Szydelko.

Chard had to play up the slight slope in the second half, but with Max Gosden and Scott Johnson winning good ball in the lineout did not

look in too much trouble and their forward play resulted in a bonus point, but unconverted, try when they shoved Sidmouth back over their line from a lineout.

Having got their noses in front Chard looked capable of holding on but a kick for touch was missed and Sidmouth ran through and scored wide on the right. The conversion was no problem for Retter and Sidmouth were back in front 25-24.

Chard still had several opportunities to win the game but all their efforts were spoilt by some woeful handling in the last ten minutes.

Chard 2nd 74 Bridgwater 3rds 10

Somerset Two South

THIS game was played under lights on Friday evening and full credit must be given to Bridgwater who only had 12 players.

Taunton 3rds 74 Chard 3rds 5

Somerset Three South

AN Eric Singleton try following a penalty provided Chard's only points form the trip to face a more youthful Taunton side.

Saturday's fixtures: Chard v Paignton (2.30pm), Martock v Chard 2nds, Chard 3rds v Wells 3rds (all 2.30pm).

Alistair Taylor

THE funeral was held last Friday at Yeovil Crematorium for Alistair (Ali) Taylor a long time supporter of the club.

Several years ago, even when working in London, Ali kept in touch with the club by bringing his adopted club Harringay down on tour and also hosting The Chard vets in London.

Ali, who was 66, was a research scientist whose home was in Dowlish Wake and was part of a team that carried out a growth survey of children in Chard over a long period of time. He was also a keen member of Ilminster cricket club.

Division One

Pld	GDPTS
Hi Q	4 100 12
Sidmouth Chicks	4 37 10
Flamingos	3 78 9
TNC Otters	3 52 9
HNC Hot Shots	4 34 8
Blackdown	4 19 6
Sidmouth Toulans	4 52 4
HNC STS	3 76 1
Panthers	4 93 1
High Tide	3 61 0

Division Two

Pld	GDPTS
Beer Blazers	4 78 12
Otter Valley	4 50 10
JD Tyres	4 37 10
Sidmouth Eagles	3 49 9
Signs SW	3 55 7
Pixies	3 9 5
Cranbrook	3 10 5
TNC Tornados	4 18 4
HNC Honeyz	4 111 1
Jurassics	4 139 0

Division Three

Pld	GDPTS
Gerrard B	6 12
Lamb A	7 10
Kings Arms Seaton	6 8
Lamb Shanks	7 8
Old Inn Kilm B	5 6
King Wingers	5 6
Axminster FC IV	5 6
Ax FC Halfcuts	6 6
Lamb 49s	5 6
White Hart Wilm B	7 4
Cloakham Stars	7 4
Axminster Inn A	6 2
Axminster FC A	6 0

Division Four

Pld	GDPTS
Colcombe B	6 10
Ship Rotary	6 8
Seaton BC	4 6
Axminster FC B	5 6
New Inn Hawks	4 6
Tuckers Y	7 6
New Inn B	5 6
Gerrard C	3 4
Kingfisher A	6 4
Bev's Boys	4 4
Colcombe Nomads	5 0
Tuckers OB	5 0

Ladies League

Div 1: Wotnots 247 (B Crispin 46) v Seaton BC 247 (M Jenner 45) New Inn B 295 (M Mear 60) v Colcombe A 301 (H Ogden 57) Red Lion A 331 (J Flint 62) v Ax Inn A 319 (J Pamer 59) Cloakham A 341 (A Ellis 72) v Tuckers B 342 (T Herbert 65) Rousdon Ladies

Division Two

Pld	GDPTS
Ax Con Club A	7 10
Old Inn Kilm A	7 10
New Inn Kilm C	7 10

Division Three

Pld	GDPTS
Ax Con Club A	7 10
Old Inn Kilm A	7 10
New Inn Kilm C	7 10

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Beer best in top two clash

THE joint leaders of **Division Two** Beer Blazers and Otter Valley met last Monday.

The game was competitive from the start and by the end of the first quarter, Otter Valley were leading by two goals.

In the second quarter, Beer had a switch around and by the third quarter were flowing preventing Otter Valley from scoring a single goal, meanwhile the Blazers' attackers scored 15 goals to eventually win 32-19.

For the fourth week running, Gemma Langham was awarded POTM for the Blazers.

Sidmouth Eagles edged past the Pixies 26-23. Each team kept the other on their toes at various points throughout the game.

Eagles led by six goals in the second quarter with Kate Marriott in fine form. However, Pixies, led by Georgie Selley, came back netting 10 goals to trail by one going into the final quarter. The final 12 minutes were tense, but Eagles managed to clinch the victory.

Meanwhile the Tornados blw away the Honeyz 33-7. Honeyz led 3-1 after the first quarter but Tornados then took control with some excellent play from Charlotte. Both teams must be commended on their sportsmanship as they both received the maximum points for their Fair Play score. Hannah Fyfe was highlighted as Honeyz star player.

Elsewhere, Jurassics are still hunting their first point after a 33-9 reverse against JD Tyres.

Julie Norman played well for JD whilst Karen Bennett fought hard and managed some skilful interceptions for Jurassics, giving her the POTM award.

In **Division One**, there was only one goal between Hi Q and Panthers by the end of the first quarter.

However, Hi Q's experience showed as they won 39-17. Once again, Jaz Chester of Hi Q was selected as POTM whilst Rachel Burrow picked up the Panthers' award.

Sidmouth Chicks gained three points by beating Hot Shots 37-31. Both teams' centre players shone throughout the game resulting in Charlotte Yorke and Jenny Robinson collecting the POTM awards.

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Flamingos	3	78 9	JD Tyres	4	37 10
TNC Otters	3	52 9	Sidmouth Eagles	3	49 9
HNC Hot Shots	4	34 8	Signs SW	3	55 7
Blackdown	4	19 6	Pixies	3	9 5
Sidmouth Toulans	4	52 4	Cranbrook	3	10 5
HNC STS	3	76 1	TNC Tornados	4	18 4
Panthers	4	93 1	HNC Honeyz	4	111 1
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Flamingos	3	78 9	JD Tyres	4	37 10
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HNC Hot Shots	4	34 8	Signs SW	3	55 7
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Division Three

Pld	GDPTS
Ax Con Club A	7 10
Old Inn Kilm A	7 10
New Inn Kilm C	7 10

on the fronter skittles round-up

COLYTON

Div 1: New Inn A 360 (P Banner 76) Lamb B 352 (A Churchill 67); Tuckers Arms B 326 (D Coombes 69) Gerrard A 325 (S Perry 66); Red Lion Cavaliers 370 (M Summers 73) Vine B 432 (R Blackmore 85); Honiton Con D 374 (W Collins 73) Colyton Club A 364 (A Potter 66); Seaton FC A 350 (W Doble, M Pavey 67) Offwell A 350 (D Spragg 64); Volunteer A 320 (S Charlton 60) Cloakham A 340 (S Flint 64).

Div 2: Lamb A 343 (M Farmer 63) Honiton Converts 330 (D Hedditch 65); Vine A 346 (C Maher 63) Wheelwright A 336 (G Penick 62); Sidbury Lions 308 (G Ruck 58) Dolphin Vikings 326 (K Aris 63); Gerrard B 382 (D Tucker 74) Honiton WMC A 375 (S Pye 72); Colcombe A 411 (G Millman 77) Vine Nomads 412 (G Norman 80); Sidmouth FC 376 (P Barham, R Chambers 66) Eagle Tavern 393 (C Hutchings 77).

Div 3: Rising Sun A 341 (J Stokes, B Venn 58) Heathfield A 357 (A Doble, D Crabbe 66); Cloakham Wanderers 367 (G Hayball 69) White Hart B 373 (P Bowler 73); Wilmingdon Harts 380 (P Richards 77) Red Lion Sidbury 366 (J McQueen 71); Kingfisher A 290 (D Collier 52) Volunteer B 312 (S Holdsworth, S Isaac 63); Tuckers A 366 (D Dower 70) Kings Arms Beers 339 (J Cornwell, J Gladstone 64); Three Tuns BTP 310 (A Deen 57)

Mountbatten Whites 326 (J Peace 69).

Div 4: Kings Arms A 321 (P Hodge 67) Rising Sun B 329 (M Clode 60); Colyton Club B 367 (M Berry 66) Tuckers Arms C 333 (F Pearse 68); Colcombe Nomads 391 (P Easter 77) Colcombe B 383 (M Bleaken 71); Ship A 368 (N Widger 71) Axminster Inn A 372 (A Beer 70); Honiton Con A 344 (G Mills 64) Honiton Con Artists 342 (P Dale 63); Honiton WMC B 295 (G Hart, B Knight 55) Seaton FC B 318 (D Park 63).

Div 5: Heathfield B 325 (M Glaeser 63) Wilmington Spares 338 (N Harris 71); White Hart A 335 (S Hallworth 65) Hook & Parrot Smugglers 310 (G Stapleton 55); Hook Parrots 320 (B Addington 65) Kingfisher B 309 (A Hurford 58).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Con A	6	10
Cloakham A	7	10
New Inn A	6	8
Volunteer A	6	8
Colyton Club A	7	8
Lamb B	6	7
Vine B	7	7
Hon Con D	6	6
Tutors Arms B	6	6

cribbage

HONITON
FENITON Soc B 2
Honiton Conservative
Club 6, Six Bells 6
Blacksmith Arms 2,
Thirsty Farmer 3
Feniton Soc A 5, Vine
Inn B 5 Workingmens
B 3, Workingmens A 0
Vine Inn A 8.

Captains Cup:
Brenda Flood 0 Julie
Bath 1, Dudley Frood
0 Rita Freemantle 1,
Hedley Hawkins 1
Julie Davis 0, Lor-
raine White 1 Audrey
Hawkins 0, Mike Dent
0 Steve Pettitt 1.

Fixtures (Nov 9th):
Blacksmith Arms v
Thirsty Farmer, Fen-
iton Soc A v Work-
ingmens A, Honiton Con
Club v New Fountain,
Vine Inn A v Vine Inn
B, Workingmens B v
Feniton Soc B.

League Table	Pld	Pts
New Fountain	8	42
Honiton Con Club	8	39
Feniton Soc A	8	36
Vine Inn A	8	35
Workingmens A	8	32
Workingmens B	8	32
Six Bells	9	31
Thirsty Farmer	9	29
Vine Inn B	8	29
Feniton Soc B	8	28
Blacksmith Arms	8	27

Captains Cup	Pld	Pts
H.Hawkins	8	6
L.White	8	5
J.Bath	8	4
A.Hawkins	8	4
L.Hawkins	8	4
S.Pettitt	8	4
R.Freemantle	8	4
B.Flood	9	4
M.Dent	9	4
D.Frood	8	3
J.Davis	8	3

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Hopping hooks up

EIGHT members fished round three of the V.E.S. Winter League on the River Isle on Sunday, the river had a nice tinge of colour and although the weights were lower than expected only a pound separated the top four.

Bill Hopping drew peg 110 at Redbridge and caught two nice chub and a few smaller fish for 8lb 10oz and victory just edging out Adie Bishop who had a nice net of roach for 8lb 8oz and second place. Jamie Rich who had two big chub in a 7lb 15oz haul was third.

Hopping leads the league with two points followed by Bishop and Steve Parker both with three and Rich on four.

The next match is on Sunday, the draw will be at Ilminster BC between 8.30 and 9am with breakfast at 8am. Names to Jamie Rich or Steve Parker.

jack high bowls news

Moonfleet misery for Ilminster bowlers

HONITON with Julie Grant
HONITON Ladies easily made progress in their national Yetton Plate competition by triumphing 101-57 against Tiverton's MID DEVON club.

Honiton won on three rinks with a top rink of Berry Maynard, Joan Heard, Yvonne Rayner and Shirley Hiscocks winning away 40-10. This sets up a match in the next round against MADEIRA on November 18th.

In county league Honiton ladies also achieved good results scoring eight points out of 10 against ISCA winning overall 70-61 in the Lane triples, best triple being Gloria Randall, Carole Pidgeon & Carole Binmore 18-10.

In the Foxlands rinks League Honiton won by one shot over PLYMOUTH so gaining six points with a top rink at home of Yvonne Williams, Di Hawkins, Margaret Bright & Heather Chambers 33-13.

In the friendly triples Honiton lost 82-58 away at ISCA with a winning triple of Garry Osborne, Di Hawkins &

Ken Clarke 19-13. At home Honiton beat DUNKESWELL 91-42, best triple Steve Phillips, Norman Baxter & Jimmy Smith.

AXMINSTER with David Harris

THE men's Over 60s team won the maximum 20 points available in their County match against BUDLEIGH recently (104-53) with wins on all rinks (home) Mike Heneghan, Morrison Brown, Alan Nabbaro & Doug Looskan (30-13) and Mike Mellor, John Hill, Brian Clark & Don Meylan (22-15).

Away - John Ellis, Alfie Day, David Harris & Ken Webster (32-9) and Brian Cursley, Malcolm Denslow, George Mabon & Bob Sherborne (20-16).

The Ladies lost their County Lanes match against SIDMOUTH 72-65, despite the home rink of Pam Hunter, Denise Davis & Mavis Swallow winning 23-11 and the away rink of Philippa White, Ann Burn, and Ann Clayton also successful (18-14).

In The mixed friendlies the club lost

89-35 at MADEIRA but did well to win 66-39 at home against TAUNTON with wins on all rinks - Morrison Brown, Gerald Knott, Sue Bond & Nigel Bond (23-13), Valerie Mellor, Margaret Brown, Ann Burn & George Mabon (22-13) and Philippa White, Mike Mellor, David Harris & Alfie Day (21-13).

ILMINSTER with Des Maull

ILMINSTER'S run in the Denny cup and the TLH Top Club (mixed) came to an end when they were beaten by the same club (MOONFLEET 2000) in both competitions.

On Saturday in the Denny Ilminster lost 88-74. Details: Home Steve Peasland, Barry Sims, Alan Holt & Will Anderson 14-33; Dave Crouch, Kevin Hamilton, Peter Mattravers & Ian Lightfoot 20-18; Away, Oli Collins, Jonny Kingston, ANO & Matt Hamilton 19-16; Levi Hembrow, Eric Keitch, Chris Robinson and Steve Turner 17-21.

In the Top-Club Ilminster lost 82-63.

Details: Singles - June Checketts 14-13; Matt Hamilton 7-17; Mixed pairs - Angie Thompson & Will Anderson 20-12; Mixed Triples - Heather Grinter, Alan Holt & Ian Lightfoot 12-16; Mixed fours - Betty Marner, Sue Spurway, Jonny Kingston & Steve Turner 10-24.

In the over 60s Double rink the A team lost 41-34 against ST ANDREWS (WSM). Details: Home Tony Bickle, John Mitchell, Ken Parker & Roger Lench 17-19; Away - Des Maull, Dave Hall, Rod Parkin & Barry Sims 17-22.

The B team beat BRIDGWATER 38-16. Details: Home - Tony Cole, Peter Patmore, Lawrence Symes & Will Anderson 24-4; Away - Steve Peasland, Ken Giles, Eric Keitch & Alan Holt 14-12. The team now play St Andrews in the next round.

In the SW One Ladies League Ilminster beat WATCHET 39-33. Details home - Sam Wall, Val Dargue, Eileen Becky & Heather Grinter 16-18; Away - Betty Marner, Betty Madden, Barbara Ball & Monica Woodland 23-15.

hockey chard

Denning double secures gritty win

East Devon C 1 Chard A 2

THIS result could turn out to be a defining moment for the Chard 2nd XI this season.

A win away to previously unbeaten East Devon, without the services of Gary Wheaton and Justin Green, and with the team beginning to play more the way they know they should.

With captain James Spurdle on prolonged secondment with the first team, deputy Jason Goddard is developing a team spirit which has yielded three consecutive wins and a dogged streak or resilience in the face of pressure.

In this match Goddard led by example tirelessly running back in midfield to dispossess opposing forwards as they advanced towards the Chard D, an effort matched only by that of Kyle Wheaton.

In a goalless first half, fortunes swung back and forth, Chard starting brightly, then on the back foot as the home side found the momentum, only for Chard again to come good with a purple patch of possession and chances when only the agility of the East Devon goalkeeper denied them taking the lead.

Wheaton was instrumental in setting up several of Chard's best efforts.

A brace of second half goals from Harvey Denning ultimately won the points.

The first came from good work by Seb Horne and Goodard with Denning firing in from a tight angle across the diving keeper.

The second came from a penalty corner, cleanly stopped by Gareth Eggle whose slip pass gave Denning time to pick his spot and hit the target with a fierce low shot.

Chard spurned chances to extend their lead, Denning having a decent chance of completing his hat trick with a little more composure, Eggle missing a couple of presentable opportunities and Wheaton simply running out of energy at the end of a surging run from well inside his own half.

Late in the game Trevor Goss had a flick shot heading into the top corner of the net palmed away.

East Devon reduced the arrears from their first penalty corner, Richard Green getting a touch but unable to prevent the ball finding the net.

With the home side pressing for the equaliser, Chard's defence, with Arthur Critchley outstanding, proved equal to the physical challenge, while midfield and forwards continued to threaten on the break.

Green pulled off a crucial save from the last action of the match, turning away a goal bound strike from East Devon's only other penalty corner.

Chard squad: R Green, T Eames, A Critchley, P Tratt, S Mahoney, J Goddard (capt), K Wheaton, M Lane, S Horne, G Eggle, H Denning, T Goss.

starter's orders running round-up

Record breaking day at Seaton parkrun

AXE VALLEY RUNNERS with Dave Mutter
FIVE AVR's travelled up to the Lake District last weekend for the 50th running of the OMM/ORIGINAL MOUNTAIN MARATHON a challenging two-day event which involves teams of two navigating and running together across rough mountain terrain and camping overnight in a remote location, carrying everything they need.

Robin Carter finished in the 2nd female team and first veteran female team in the Medium Score class event. James Jackson finished in the 1st male veteran team in the A class event. Patrick Devine-Wright & Tim Lenton was one of only 11 teams to complete the Elite course over two days, despite missing one control on day one. On Saturday, gusts of wind up to 60mph and poor visibility made conditions very difficult. Up to 75 percent of the competitors retired in some classes but all AVR's made it across the finish line.

Saturday saw the 51st SEATON PARKRUN and a return to the winter route. There are slightly shorter pebble sections on this route and the 138 runners recorded a massive 50 PBs!

First across the line was Honiton's Kevin Hawker in 17:57. Second woman finisher was AVR Karen Eyre in a new PB of 21:52. Kevin Hawker was also first on age graded performance 78.37% with AVR's Janet Cullum and Karen Eyre second and third with 75.35% and 74.09% respectively. Next Saturday 11th November is Seaton parkrun's first anniversary and the organisers are asking runners and volunteers to turn up in their favourite hats to mark the occasion.

Elsewhere, five AVR's travelled to Newton Abbot to take on the TEMPLER 10 over a multi terrain 10-mile course. First back was Matt Clist in 3rd place in 1:00:01. The other place winner was Graham Newton who was the first over 65 in 1:18:12.

Other results; Ollie Caute 5th, 1:01:16; Matt Hewer 11th, 1:05:51 and Terry Emmett 1:06:23. 270 completed the sold out event.

The first four back for AVR also claimed the men's team prize, beating both Torbay AC and South Devon AC into second and third. This meant that every AVR runner went away with a trophy.



■ CHAMP: Frank Smith receives the winners trophy from club administrator Anne Weeks at Merriott Short Mat Bowls Club after beating Mike Milton in the annual singles final.

short mat bowls

Evening D1	Pld	Pts
Beer	5	9
Sidbury A	5	7
Colyton	5	6
Seaton	5	6
Uffculme	6	5
Uppottery	6	4
West Hill	5	4
Awilscombe	5	4
Sidbury B	4	4
Ottery St Mary	4	3
Musbury	4	2

Afternoon D1	Pld	Pts
Beer	3	6
St Teresa's	4	5
Sidford Blue	4	5
Awilscombe	4	4
Colyton	4	3
Uppottery	2	3
Chard	3	2
Seaton Yellow	4	0

Afternoon D2	Pld	Pts
Seaton Blue	3	5
Combe St Nich B	3	5
Hemyock	4	4
Colyton B	4	4
Sidford White	4	4
Seaton Green	4	3
Chard Blue	3	3
Musbury	3	0

darts

AXMINSTER	Pld	Pts
Team		
Con Club	4	7
Vault A	3	6
The Swamp	3	6
Red Bulls	1	2
Lamb Shanks	3	2
Thorncombe Club	3	2
Axminster Inn	2	1
Red Necks	3	0
Castle Inn	4	0
Len Goodmans	0	0

Singles	Pld	Pts
The Swamp	3	11
Con Club	4	4
Thorncombe Club	3	8
Vault A	3	6
Lamb Shanks	3	5
Castle Inn	4	4
Red Necks	3	3
Red Bulls	1	2
Axminster Inn	2	2
Len Goodmans	0	0

COLYTON
RESULTS (1001/Pairs first): **Week 6:** Vault B 2(6) Barrel O' Beer 3(0); Kingfisher A 2(2) Halesy's Bar B 3(4); Golden Hind A 2(3) Kings Arms 3(3); Halesy's Bar A 5(6); Golden B Hind 0(0); Halesy's Bar Motley Crew 2(5) Kingfisher B 3(1); Vaultures 5(5) Vault A 0(1).
Highest Finish: 103 Kevin Searle (Halesy's Bar A).
180s: Maxy French (Halesy's Bar B), Mark Bradley & Ed Coutts (Vault B).
9-dart leg: Alex Anning (Halesy's Bar A).

1001 Pairs	Pld	Pts
Halesy's Bar A	5	21
Kings Arms	6	19
Vault B	6	19
Golden Hind A	6	17
Kingfisher B	6	16
Kingfisher A	6	16
Vaultures	5	15
Barrel O' Beer	5	14
Halesy's Bar B	5	14
Halesy's Crew	5	12
New Inn	5	8
Golden Hind B	5	5
Vault A	6	4

Singles	Pld	Pts
Vault B	6	27
Halesy's Bar A	5	22
Halesy's Crew	5	20
Kings Arms	6	19
Golden Hind A	6	18
Vaultures	5	18
Kingfisher A	6	18
Halesy's Bar B	5	16
Kingfisher B	6	16
Barrel O' Beer	5	15
Golden Hind B	5	13
New Inn	5	9
Vault A	6	5



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Glovers by numbers

Sky Bet League Div Two (46)	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Notts County	16	10	3	3	28	16	12	33
Accrington Stanley	16	10	2	4	30	19	11	22
Luton Town	16	9	4	3	34	15	19	31
Exeter City	16	9	3	4	23	18	5	30
Swindon Town	16	9	1	6	24	18	6	28
Coventry City	16	8	3	5	17	8	9	27
Wycombe Wanderers	16	7	6	3	31	25	6	27
Newport County	16	7	4	4	23	18	5	25
Lincoln City	16	6	6	4	16	14	2	24
Cambridge Utd	16	7	3	6	16	16	0	24
Stevenage	16	7	3	6	24	27	-3	24
Grimsby Town	16	6	5	5	19	21	-2	23
Colchester United	16	6	4	6	23	21	2	12
Mansfield Town	16	5	7	4	22	23	1	22
Cheltenham Town	16	6	3	7	23	23	0	21
Carlisle Utd	16	5	5	6	22	29	-1	20
YEovil TOWN	16	5	4	7	24	29	-5	19
Crewe Alexandra	16	5	2	9	16	25	-9	17
Crawley Town	16	4	4	8	12	16	-4	16
Forest Green Rovers	16	4	3	9	16	32	-16	14
Barnet	16	3	5	8	19	24	-5	14
Port Vale	16	4	2	10	16	23	-7	14
Morecambe	16	3	5	8	12	22	-10	14
Chesterfield	16	2	3	11	15	31	-16	9

Top scorers (all comps)

1. Olufela Olomola	7
2. Otis Khan	6
3= Francois Zoko	5
3= Sam Surridge	5

Most Bookings

1. Francois Zoko	5
2. Otis Khan	4
3= Connor Smith	3
3= Nathan Smith	3

What's next? Upcoming fixtures

Saturday, Nov 11th v Carlisle United (A 3pm) Lge 2
 Saturday, Nov 18th v SWINDON TOWN (H 3pm) Lge 2
 Tuesday, Nov 21st v NOTTS COUNTY (H, 7.45pm ko) Lge 2
 Saturday, Nov 25th v Wycombe Wanderers 9A, (3pm) Lge 2
 Tuesday, Nov 28th v PLYMOUTH ARG (H, 7.45pm) CHTG

Inside...

Rugby
 DEPLETED Chard suffer one-point defeat at coastal strugglers.

Football
 NEWS from the local clubs in the Toolstation Western, Macron Devon & Exeter and Perry Street Leagues.



◆ **DOUBLE:** Mark Whitmarsh scored twice in Halstock's 7-1 win over Perry Street Reserves
 Photo by HFC

Old cup fires rekindled

Yeovil Town 1 Khan 29 (pen)
Southend Utd 0 attendance: 2,079

A TERRIFIC fighting display by understrength Yeovil ensured they enhanced their reputation among the greatest of the FA Cup giantkillers.

Darren Way's League Two side swept Phil Brown's well-placed League One team to a first-round defeat, and they did it with their two main strikers missing through suspension. It took a penalty to win the match, but the Glovers could have been three or four up at half time, leaving Way to hail "a massive performance".

In the second half Southend tried to undo the damage but excellent defending kept them out.

The boss said: "As a group we showed character, desire and fight and today we came out on top. Because of the absences we had only six on the bench, including Academy goalkeeper Tommy Scott. When you look at it like that you feel very proud."

Without the goal threat of suspended Francois Zoko and Fela Olomola, Yeovil named young loanee Sam Surridge at their only main striker.

But they surprised Southend, who arrived with attacking wingbacks, by using Otis Khan and Rhys Browne to help the pacy Surridge put pressure on the visiting central defenders, who they thought were suspect.

And so it proved. In the 21st minute they had justifiable penalty appeals when Surridge was brought down by Anton Ferdinand.

Referee Craig Hicks turned that one down but he had no option seven minutes later when Surridge was upended by Ryan Leonard. Otis Khan smashed the spot kick hard to the left of keeper Mark Oxley.

Phil Brown, seeing his hopes going up in smoke, introduced three subs in the second half, and although the Glovers had two clear chances in breakaways, it was now their defence that had to work overtime.

An injury to keeper Artur Krysiak was worrying, with young Scott never having appeared at this level.

However, the Polish number one was able to carry on and made some excellent saves. He was beaten on two occasions in the 75th and 84th minutes as Yeovil tired, but both times Tom James was on the spot to clear off the line.

James, a replacement for the injured Ryan Dickson, probably deserved the "man of the match" award for these clearances.

In truth it could have gone to almost anyone and there



■ **MATCH WINNER:** Otis Khan wheels away after tucking away his vital penalty.
 Photo by SEAN HERNON /PPAUK

were no complaints when Omar Sowunmi was named.

"Omar's performance was very good and you can see players growing in confidence," said Way, adding: "With a group of players like we now have you have half a chance of achieving something."

The experienced Phil Brown said he told his team before the start that they could make it easy for themselves or make it difficult.

They appeared to choose the latter option, perhaps judging from the pre-match hype that all they had to do was to go on the field to win.

Having twice crashed out of the Cup to the Glovers back in Yeovil's non-league days, they should have known better!

Sailors remember Roger and Support the RNLI

SUTTON Bingham Sailing Club held a special open event on Sunday in memory of Roger Battersby who sadly passed away in the summer, together with their annual fundraiser for the RNLI.

Roger was a long-time member of the club and a passionate dinghy racer in a variety dinghy classes.

Roger's Race held in the morning attracted 25 entries, including nine visitors who knew, and had competed against, Roger on the racing circuit.

The race was full of thrills and spills with testing, gusty conditions giving everyone a challenging competition.

When the handicaps were calculated, which make adjustments for the different types of boats sailing, it was Simon Hawkes (Wimbleball SC) that came out on top, sailing a Phantom.

Nick Orman from Castle Cove Sailing Club, also in a Phantom, finished second and third was home sailor Richard Frost in his Solo dinghy.

Roger's parents presented the new annual trophy at lunchtime, together with vouchers to the leading competi-

tors to spend with representatives of the RNLI who attended with their usual "pop-up" Christmas gift shop.

The RNLI pursuit race was held in the afternoon for the RNLI Shield. The format for this race, as the name suggests, is that the slowest boats start first, pursued at intervals according to their time handicap by progressively faster boats. In theory if everyone sails their boats optimally the whole fleet would finish together. With the wind strength lighter, but still shifty and a variety of sailing skill levels this was never actually going to be the case.

Max Robertson in his Laser Radial was first off pursued a few minutes later by Andrew Frost in his RS Aero 5, father, Richard Frost in a Solo and Andy Roxburgh and Howard Fear, sailing Streaker dinghies. Howard Fear lost lost ground with a capsized early on but caught Roxburgh before the finish. The morning's winner, Hawkes, sailing his Phantom exceptionally quickly, hit the lead with 25 minutes to the finish and Ian Jay in his Finn closed down the early leaders to

move into the runner-up spot with around 5 minutes until the finish hooter. Andrew Frost stayed ahead of his dad to take third and Richard Frost just squeezed out Chris Jones in an RS Aero 7 at the last mark to finish 4th.

The event raised £208 in voluntary donations. £75 in vouchers were given as prizes to spend on RNLI gifts and the club's galley charity box added another £125, so the total contribution to the RNLI was £408.

Sailors who would like to support the event next year should make a note in their diaries for Sunday, November 4th 2018. Full results are posted on the club website: www.suttonbinghamsc.net

Roger's Race: 1st, Simon Hawkes (Phantom), 2nd, Nick Orman (Phantom) 3rd, Richard Frost (Solo), 4th, Howard Fear (Streaker), 5th, Andy Roxburgh (Streaker).

RNLI Shield: 1st, Simon Hawkes (Phantom), 2nd, Ian Jay (Finn), 3rd, Andrew Frost (RS Aero 5), 4th, Richard Frost (Solo), 5th, Chris Jones (RS Aero 7).



■ **WELL DONE:** Roger's Race Winner Simon Hawkes presented with the trophy by Roger's parents John and Margaret Battersby
 Photo by SAFFRON GALLAGHER